



# WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

# 2022

Upland Game Bird, Small Game,  
Migratory Game Bird and  
Fall '22/Spring '23 Wild Turkey

# Hunting Regulations



## Reminder:

Don't forget your conservation stamp (unless exempted, see page 5) and proof of hunter safety (see page 6).





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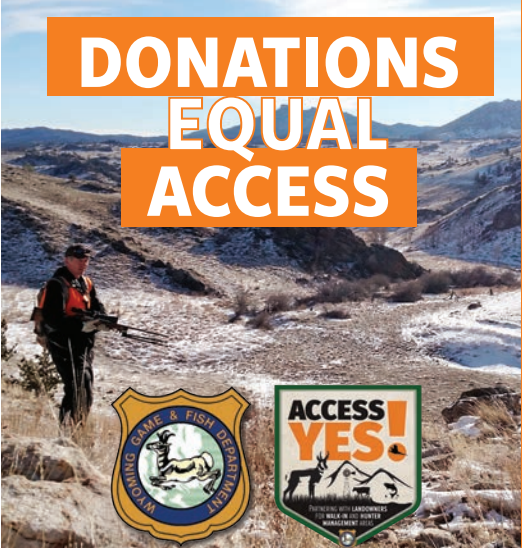
## 2022 License/Permit/Stamp Fees

Pheasant Special Management Permit .....	\$15.50
Resident Daily Game Bird/Small Game .....	\$9.00
Nonresident Daily Game Bird/Small Game .....	\$22.00
Resident 12 Month Game Bird/Small Game .....	\$27.00
Nonresident 12 Month Game Bird/Small Game .....	\$74.00
Nonresident 12 Month Youth Game Bird/Small Game (May only be issued to nonresidents under the age of 18 years) .....	\$40.00
Resident 12 Month Game Bird .....	\$16.00
Resident 12 Month Small Game .....	\$16.00
Resident Wild Turkey .....	\$16.00
Nonresident Wild Turkey .....	\$74.00
12 Month Conservation Stamp .....	\$21.50
Lifetime Conservation Stamp .....	\$185.50
Lifetime Resident Game Bird/Small Game/Fishing .....	\$496.00
Lifetime Resident Game Bird/Small Game .....	\$311.00
Light Goose Conservation Order Permit .....	\$15.50
Wildlife Damage Management Stamp .....	\$10.00
Federal Duck Stamp .....	\$25.00
Harvest Information Permit (HIP) .....	Free online at Department website



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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



2020 Springer Youth Pheasant Hunt.

## Hunters make the outdoors better

By Brian Nesvik, Game and Fish Director

Dear Hunters,

Each year I look forward to my first walk in the woods with my gun on a cool, fall morning. I'm hopeful to hear the rustling of a blue grouse, and it makes my day when I can take a few home. I can say the same for pheasant hunting and the joy my dog, Ellie May, takes in bringing me back a bird. My passion for the outdoors never quits, and I'm looking forward to a great 2022 season.

As the director of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and a fellow hunter, I want to say thank you. Hunting is conservation in its most historic and pure form. Your deep appreciation for Wyoming's wild animals and wild places is reflected in the tremendous diversity and abundance of wildlife we have in our state — both hunted and not hunted.

Hunters make the outdoors better and have a big role in ensuring we have healthy wildlife and wildlife habitats in the future. As sportspeople, your support and care for wildlife and the outdoors is why Wyoming's game birds, small game, wild turkeys and migratory game birds are some of the best in the world.

Your support is incredibly important to the department, too. The majority of our funding comes from sportspeople. When you buy a hunting license, you pay for conservation and wildlife management. That means your license purchases have improved habitat so the birds and game you hunt are healthy or contributed to ample access to public and private land for your pursuits. Thank you for choosing Wyoming for your fall hunts.

I'm looking forward to the season, and I hope you are, too. Take in the land and marvel in the wonder that is the Wyoming outdoors. I wish you the best of luck in your harvest pursuits. And last but not least, don't forget to think about our young aspiring hunters by giving them new opportunities to experience the things that keep seasoned hunters coming back season after season. Inspire a kid; it's for life!



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# 2022 IMPORTANT HUNTING INFORMATION

**DISCLAIMER.** The following sections are a condensed summary of applicable wildlife laws and other important information. This summary is in no way intended to alter the content or statutory intent of those laws. If you have any questions regarding the precise language, you can view a copy of the State Statutes (Title 23) and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) Regulations, available at the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices, the Department website or consult the following websites: <https://sos.wy.state.wy.us> or <https://wyoleg.gov>.

**ACCESS ON LANDS ENROLLED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ACCESS YES WALK-IN AREAS OR HUNTER MANAGEMENT AREAS.** Access to private lands enrolled in the Access Yes Walk-In or Hunter Management Program is granted only for the take of wildlife species and for the time periods specified in Department publications. Travel by motorized vehicle is prohibited, except as otherwise stated. Hunters wishing to use enrolled private lands for any other wildlife species, activity or time period must obtain permission from the landowner or person in charge of the property. Department publications or signs shall serve as official regulations of the Commission and may advise of additional restrictions. The landowner or person in charge of the property may grant permission for motorized vehicle travel contrary to that specified by Department signs or publications.

**ACCESS YES PROGRAM.** The Access Yes Program was established to help address the difficulties of finding places to hunt and fish. Sportspeople can voluntarily donate any whole dollar amount to Access Yes when they purchase or apply for a license. Contributions are used to secure additional public hunting and fishing access on private lands and inaccessible public lands. Donating helps support the program, but does not provide or imply access to all private or inaccessible public lands in Wyoming.

**AGE RESTRICTIONS; GAME BIRDS AND WILD TURKEY.** All persons fourteen (14) years of age and older shall possess the proper license while hunting game birds in Wyoming. Federal regulation requires all persons, regardless of age, to possess a valid state crane permit while hunting sandhill crane(s).

#### Residents under fourteen (14) years of age

- A resident person under fourteen (14) years of age may take game birds without a Wyoming game bird license if accompanied by an adult. A resident person under fourteen (14) years of age may take their own limit.
- A resident person under fourteen (14) years of age who possesses a sandhill crane permit need not obtain a Wyoming game bird license if accompanied by an adult.

#### Nonresidents under fourteen (14) years of age

- A nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age may take game birds without a Wyoming game bird license if accompanied by an adult possessing a valid Wyoming game bird license. Game birds taken by an unlicensed, nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age shall be applied to and limited by the daily bag and possession limits of the licensed adult in their company.
- A nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age who possesses a valid Wyoming game bird license and conservation stamp may take their own limit of game birds.
- A nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age who possesses a sandhill crane permit need not obtain a Wyoming game bird license or conservation stamp if accompanied by an adult possessing a valid, unexpired Wyoming

## Online CONNECTION

Game and Fish has hundreds of videos available on its YouTube page. They offer education for new hunters, information about the Department and interesting stories of Wyoming's wildlife.

Check them out at [youtube.com/user/wygameandfish](https://youtube.com/user/wygameandfish)

game bird license, conservation stamp and a valid sandhill crane permit, in which case any sandhill crane taken by the nonresident person shall not be applied to and limited by the sandhill crane permit held by the adult in their company.

**NOTE:** All resident and nonresident wild turkey hunters, including persons under fourteen (14) years of age, shall possess a valid wild turkey license. Wild turkey hunters under fourteen (14) years of age shall be accompanied by an adult.

**AGE RESTRICTIONS; SMALL GAME.** No person fourteen (14) years of age or older shall take any small game animal without first obtaining the proper license.

#### Residents under fourteen (14) years of age

- A resident person under fourteen (14) years of age may hunt small game without obtaining a small game animal license.

#### Nonresidents under fourteen (14) years of age

- A nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age need not obtain a small game animal license or conservation stamp if accompanied by an adult possessing a valid unexpired Wyoming small game animal license and conservation stamp in which case the nonresident person's bag limit shall be applied to and limited by the small game hunting license held by the adult in their company.
- A nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age who possesses a valid small game animal license and conservation stamp may take their own limit of small game.

**ARCHERY HUNTING.** Bow and arrow or crossbow are permissible equipment to take small game, game birds and migratory game birds. No special archery license is required to hunt game birds or small game with archery equipment; however, archers must first obtain the proper hunting license and, if required, stamps and permits for the species to be hunted. Archers must comply with the regulations established for the regular hunting season, including open season dates.

**ARTIFICIAL LIGHT FOR HUNTING PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION.** No person shall take any wildlife with the aid of or by using any artificial light or lighting device except that predators may be taken with the aid of an artificial light or lighting device by:

- (i) A public officer authorized to and conducting predator control;
- (ii) A landowner, resident manager or person with the landowner's or a resident manager's written permission to take predators, on land under the landowner's control for the

protection of their property.

**It is prima facie evidence of a violation if a person uses an artificial light in an area that may be inhabited by wildlife while having in their possession and control any device for taking wildlife.** This shall not prohibit the hunting on foot of raccoon with the aid of a handlight, provided the hunter is accompanied by a raccoon hunting dog and, if hunting on private land(s), has the written permission of the landowner or their agent.

**BAIT RESTRICTIONS.** No person shall take a game animal, game bird or game fish and use any part thereof for bait to hunt, trap or poison any wildlife of Wyoming.

**BANDED BIRDS; REPORTING.** If you have found or harvested a banded bird, please report it at [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov). You will be asked to provide the band number as well as the location, date and how you recovered the bird. Your contact information will be requested in case there are any questions. The U.S. Geological Survey's Patuxent Bird Banding Lab will send you a certificate of appreciation that includes information about the sex, age and species of bird, and where and when it was banded. You may keep the band. **Please note: Even if the band you recover is inscribed with a 1-800 number, as of July 2, 2017, you can only report it at [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov).**

**CARCASS COUPONS; DATING AND DISPLAY.** When any big game animal, trophy game animal or wild turkey is killed under a license, or sandhill crane is killed under a limited quota sandhill crane permit, **the licensee shall detach, sign and date the proper carcass coupon and attach the coupon to the carcass in a readily visible manner before leaving the site of the kill. When dating a carcass coupon, the entire day and month of the kill shall be completely cut out and removed.** (See page 29) The carcass coupon shall remain on the game animal, wild turkey or sandhill crane carcass at all times until the meat undergoes processing, or on the trophy game animal hide until it reaches the hunter's home or a taxidermist, except that during transportation of the carcass or hide, **the validated carcass coupon may be removed to prevent its loss.** If the carcass coupon is removed for transportation of the carcass or hide, it must be completely filled out and in the possession of the person accompanying the carcass or hide at all times. While quarters or pieces of an animal are being packed from the field, the carcass coupon shall remain with the person transporting the animal.

**CHECK STATIONS.** Every hunter, angler or trapper entering or leaving areas for which check stations have been established shall stop and report at the check station if the check station is on the hunter's, angler's or trapper's route to and from the hunting or fishing area. **This requirement applies even if the person does not have wildlife in possession.** Game and fish licensees shall produce their licenses, permits or stamps as required by regulation for any game animals, game birds, fish or furbearing animals in their possession for inspection upon request by any authorized department representative.

**CLOSED AREAS.** All areas within the state of Wyoming not opened by specific order of the Commission shall be closed to the taking of game animals, furbearing animals and game birds.

**CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS. HUNTERS REQUIRED TO WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE OR FLUORESCENT PINK CLOTHING.** The wearing of fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink clothing while hunting small game and game birds is recommended as a safety measure and is required



when hunting pheasants on Department Wildlife Habitat Management Areas or on Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal Lands bordering and including Glendo State Park. Fluorescent orange camouflage or fluorescent pink camouflage are legal.

#### CONSERVATION STAMP REQUIRED; EXEMPTIONS.

Conservation stamps are only available electronically through the Department's Electronic Licensing System (ELS), and may be purchased from the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices, license selling agents throughout the state and the Department website.

Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising privileges under THESE licenses:

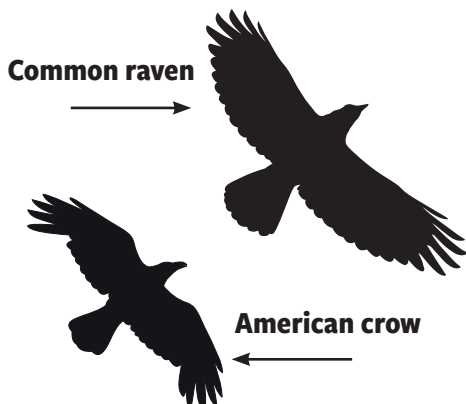
- Daily hunting or fishing license;
- Nonresident five (5) consecutive day fishing license;
- Special limited fishing permit holders;
- Wyoming fifty (50%) percent disabled veteran fishing license; or,
- Resident permanently and totally disabled lifetime fishing license.

Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising hunting or fishing privileges under ANY Wyoming license. The person shall, at all times, be in possession of the license allowing the conservation stamp exemption while in the field:

- Any Wyoming pioneer hunting or fishing license;
- Honorably discharged Wyoming resident veteran who is one hundred percent (100%) disabled game bird, small game and fishing license;
- Military combat general elk or general deer license;
- Military combat game bird or small game license;
- Licenses reissued to a veteran with disabilities or a person with a permanent disability who uses a wheelchair; or,
- Resident United States Military Purple Heart Medal recipients.

A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased by applying to the Cheyenne Headquarters or through any Department Regional Office.

**CREDIT CARD FEE.** The Department shall charge a two point five percent (2.5%) credit card processing fee of the cost of any license, permit, stamp, tag, preference point or competitive raffle chance applied for or purchased by the use of a credit card.



## Common violation FAIL TO PRODUCE CONSERVATION STAMP

Hunters and anglers must purchase a conservation stamp to hunt and fish in Wyoming. There are exceptions for holders of a Pioneer license or a one-day license. Those individuals should refer to regulations for details.

**CROW SEASON.** The entire state of Wyoming shall be open to the taking of crows from November 1 through December 31 and from January 1 through February 28. No hunting license is required to hunt crows. Crows may be taken by use of firearms, bow and arrow, and falconry. There is no bag limit. While there is a hunting season for crows, ravens may not be hunted. The best method of distinguishing between the two species is the shape of the tail while in flight. The crow has a square tail while the raven has a wedge-shaped tail (see diagram).

### Terms and Definitions:

**"ACCOMPANIED BY A MENTOR"** means being directly supervised at all times by a mentor who is within sight and direct voice contact.

**"ADULT"** means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.

**"ARTIFICIAL LIGHT OR LIGHTING DEVICE"** means any man-made light or lighting device which projects a visible light outside the device, or any electronic device that provides an enhanced ability to see in the dark.

**"CENTRAL FLYWAY"** means the portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin.

**"CONSERVATION ORDER"** means an action to reduce the mid-continent population of light geese, which is promulgated in accordance with 50 CFR 20.21 and 50 CFR 21.60, revised as of August 8, 2019, which does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter. A copy of Title 50 and the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices or on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website ([www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)).

**"DAILY BAG LIMIT"** means the maximum number of game birds or small game animals that may be legally taken in a single day.

**"DARK GEESE"** means Canada goose, cackling goose, white-fronted goose and brant.

**"DESIGNATED ROAD"** means an established road marked with a white arrow sign.

**"DOMICILE"** means that place where a person has his true, fixed and permanent home to which whenever the person is temporarily absent the person has the intention of returning. To prove domicile as required by Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-102 and § 23-1-107 a person shall be able to establish that he: physically resides in Wyoming; has made

his permanent home in Wyoming; is not residing in Wyoming for a special or temporary purpose; and, has abandoned his domicile in all other states, territories or countries.

**"ELECTRONIC LICENSING SERVICE (ELS)"** means the Department's Electronic Draw Application System, Internet Point of Sale System and Online Internet Sales System used by the Department, license selling agents and the public to apply for or purchase licenses, permits, stamps, tags and preference points.

**"ESTABLISHED ROAD"** means any road or trail that has been graded or constructed to carry motor vehicles or on which repeated legal motor vehicle traffic has created well-defined tracks.

**"EXPANDING POINT BULLET"** means any bullet designed by its manufacturer to create a wound channel larger than the bullet's diameter.

**"FALCONRY"** means taking quarry by means of a trained raptor.

**"FEDERAL DUCK STAMP"** means Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp or Electronic Duck Stamp.

**"GAME BIRD"** means grouse, partridge, pheasant, ptarmigan, quail, wild turkey and migratory game birds.

**"GENERAL LICENSES"** means big or trophy game or wild turkey licenses valid in any hunt area in which licenses have not been totally limited in number. General licenses shall be valid only under species, sex, age class and harvest limitations that are in effect for each hunt area.

**"LICENSE"** means a document issued by the Department, through the authority of the Commission, to a qualified individual that grants certain privileges to take fish or wildlife in accordance with statutory or regulatory provisions.

**"LIGHT GEESE"** means snow goose, blue goose or Ross's goose.

**"LIMITED QUOTA LICENSES"** means licenses that are limited in number and valid only in a specified hunt area(s) or portion(s) of a hunt area. Limited quota licenses shall be valid only under species, sex, age class, harvest and weapon type limitations that are in effect for each hunt area.

**"MENTEE"** means a person who has received special authorization from the Department to take wildlife and who has not received a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms.

**"MENTOR"** means a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age, can demonstrate they have a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms, possesses a valid Wyoming hunting license and is directly supervising not more than one (1) mentee, other than immediate family members, at a time while in the field.

**"MIGRATORY GAME BIRD"** means all migratory game birds defined and protected under federal law.

**"NONRESIDENT"** means any person not a resident.

**"NONTOXIC SHOT"** means steel or any other federally approved nontoxic shot.

**"ORDERS"** means orders, rules and regulations.

**"PACIFIC FLYWAY"** means the portion of Wyoming west of the Continental Divide, including the Great Divide Basin.

**"PERMIT"** means a document that authorizes a license

holder to carry out activities not authorized by the license itself.

**“POSSESSION LIMIT”** means the maximum number of game birds or small game animals that may be legally in possession. Wildlife in transit or storage shall be considered in possession. For migratory game birds, when a person hunts in more than one (1) state, flyway or zone, the person’s total limit shall not exceed the largest daily bag or possession limit prescribed for any one of the states, flyways or zones in which the hunting takes place.

**“PREDACIOUS BIRD”** means English sparrow and starling.

**“PREDATORY ANIMAL”** means coyote, jackrabbit, porcupine, raccoon, red fox, skunk or stray cat. “Predatory animal” also means gray wolf located outside the Wolf Trophy Game Management Area and Seasonal Wolf Trophy Game Management Area as described in Wyoming Statute § 23-1-101 (a) (xii) (B) (I) and (II).

**“PROTECTED ANIMAL”** means black-footed ferret, fisher, lynx, otter, pika or wolverine.

**“PROTECTED BIRD”** means migratory birds as defined and protected under federal law.

**“PUBLIC ROAD OR HIGHWAY”** (except as otherwise provided) means any roadway that is open to vehicular travel by the public. The road surface, the area between the fences on a fenced public road or highway, and an area thirty (30) feet perpendicular to the edge of the road surface on an unfenced public road or highway shall be considered the public road or highway. Two-track trails on public lands are not public roads.

**“REAL TIME VIDEO PHOTOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT”** means any video or photography equipment capable of utilizing cellular or Wi-Fi technology to transmit images or video for remote viewing.

**“RESIDENT”** means a United States citizen or legal alien who is domiciled in Wyoming for at least one (1) full year immediately preceding making application for any resident game and fish license, preference point, permit or tag, shall not have claimed residency in any other state, territory or country for any other purpose during that one (1) year period, and meets the requirements specified in Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-102 and § 23-1-107.

**“SEASON LIMIT”** means the maximum number of sandhill cranes or pheasants that may be legally taken during the entire season.

**“SMALL GAME ANIMAL”** means cottontail rabbit or snowshoe hare, and fox, grey and red squirrels.

**“TAKE”** means hunt, pursue, catch, capture, shoot, fish, seine, trap, kill, or possess, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, shoot, fish, seine, trap, kill or possess.

**“WASTE”** means to leave, abandon or allow any edible portion of meat from a big game animal, game bird, game fish or small game animal to become tainted, rotten or otherwise unfit for human consumption prior to processing at a person’s home or at a processor.

**“WATERFOWL”** means ducks, geese, coots and mergansers.

**DEPARTMENT WEBSITE.** <https://wgfd.wyo.gov>

**DISABLED HUNTER INFORMATION.** Contact the Cheyenne Headquarters or any Department Regional Office for



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specific information.

**DON’T FORGET YOUR CONSERVATION STAMP.** Hunters and anglers must purchase a conservation stamp prior to hunting and fishing in Wyoming.

**DUPLICATE AND REPLACEMENT LICENSE ISSUED UPON LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF ORIGINAL; PURCHASE AND FEES.** When any license issued has been lost or destroyed, the licensee may secure a duplicate of the original license from the Cheyenne Headquarters, any Department Regional Office or designated license selling agents. A duplicate license shall be issued if the original license **contained a carcass coupon**. A replacement license shall be issued if the original license **did not contain a carcass coupon**. The licensee may secure a replacement license at the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices or from ELS agents. The Department shall charge a fee of seven dollars (\$7) for each duplicate or replacement license.

**EMERGENCY CLOSURES.** The Commission may institute an emergency closure by regulation to shorten the season in any area at any time if a harvest quota is reached or if an emergency arises warranting the closure. Should a closure become necessary after the season opens, no refunds will be given for unused licenses.

**FALCONRY LICENSES.** Licenses to hunt with trained raptors may be purchased from the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and designated license selling agents. The license entitles the holder thereof to hunt, pursue and kill game birds and small game animals with the

use of trained raptors and in accordance with Commission regulations. Persons holding a proper falconry license may hunt, pursue and kill game birds without distinction of sex in any hunt area in which the falconry season is open for the taking of game birds. Persons hunting with trained raptors must also hold a valid hunting license for the species being hunted.

**FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP (FEDERAL DUCK STAMP).** Federal law requires each waterfowl hunter sixteen (16) years of age or older to purchase and carry a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) signed in ink across the face. This stamp is required to take ducks, geese and mergansers. However, a Federal Duck Stamp is not required to take mourning doves, sandhill cranes, coots, snipe, rails or crows. Federal ducks stamps expire June 30 of each year.

**FIREARM CALIBERS AND LEGAL WEAPONS FOR GAME BIRDS AND SMALL GAME.** Except as provided below, game birds, excluding wild turkey, blue and ruffed grouse, may only be taken by a center-fire or muzzle-loading shotgun not larger than ten (10) gauge plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine. Wild turkey may only be taken by any shotgun, center-fire firearm, .17 HMR or larger rimfire firearm with an overall cartridge length greater than one (1) inch, any muzzle-loading firearm, or any archery equipment. Blue grouse, ruffed grouse and small game may be taken in any manner except as prohibited by Wyoming Statute.

**HARVEST SURVEY.** Each year a request to participate in the harvest survey is sent to a sample of hunters. Since a person can hunt multiple species in Wyoming, some hunters may be asked to complete more than one harvest survey questionnaire. Your reply provides critical data the Department uses to evaluate the past hunting season and set future hunting seasons. Even if you did not hunt, we need to hear from you to accurately track hunter effort. We ask that you reply online, if possible, as soon as you are done hunting each species for the year. Your time and assistance are much appreciated.

**HUNTER SAFETY/MENTOR PROGRAM; EXEMPTION.** Except as otherwise provided, no person born on or after January 1, 1966, may take wildlife by the use of firearms on land other than that of their own family, unless that person can demonstrate they have obtained a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms. Attendance and successful completion of a hunter safety course offered by an association or governmental agency approved by the Commission satisfies the requirements of this section.

- A person who has not received a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms may apply to the Department for a special authorization to take wildlife with the use of a firearm while being accompanied by a person acting as a mentor. A special authorization shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue and shall be in the possession of the recipient at all times while in the field. The application process may be completed on the Department website. Any person acting as a mentor shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age, shall possess a valid hunting license, and shall demonstrate they have successfully completed a hunter safety course. A mentor shall not provide supervision for more than one (1) person at a time in the field, other than immediate family members, and shall accompany the mentee at all times to provide constant supervision.

- A person under fourteen (14) years of age who has not yet received a hunter safety certificate may take small game



and game birds while being accompanied by a mentor who possesses a valid Wyoming small game or game bird license and conservation stamp.

• Any active member, honorably discharged past member or veteran of the armed forces of the United States and any active or retired Wyoming peace officer qualified pursuant to Wyoming Statutes § 9-1-701 through § 9-1-707 may obtain an exemption from the hunter safety requirement. Hunter safety exemption applications are available at the Cheyenne Headquarters and Department Regional Offices. **This hunter safety exemption is not valid for hunting elk within Grand Teton National Park (Hunt Areas 75 and 79), or for persons acting as mentors in the Hunter Mentor Program.**

#### LABELING AND SHIPPING.

**Labeling.** No person shall give, put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at their personal abode) or in the custody of another person unless the birds are labeled by the hunter with the following information:

1. The hunter's signature

2. The hunter's address
3. The total number of birds by species
4. The dates such birds were killed

Labeling is required if the birds are being transported by another person for the hunter, or if the birds have been left for cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipping or taxidermy services.

**Shipping.** No person shall ship migratory game birds unless the package is marked on the outside with: (1) the name and

address of the person sending the birds; (2) the name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent; (3) the number of birds by species, contained in the package; and, (4) interstate game tag where required.

**LICENSE EXPIRATION.** Game bird and small game licenses expire on the date indicated on the license.

**LICENSE FRAUD PROHIBITED; INVALIDATION BY IMPROPER FEES.** Department licenses, permits, stamps, tags or coupons shall not be altered by anyone other than authorized Department personnel. No license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon shall be transferred or used for the purpose of taking wildlife except by the individual to whom it was issued and therein named and while in that individual's possession. No individual shall take or attempt to take any wildlife using another individual's license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon. Any license, permit, stamp, or tag shall not be valid unless the proper fees have been received by the Department. Any Wyoming Game and Fish law enforcement officer may seize as evidence any license, permit, stamp or tag that was obtained in violation of Commission regulations or Wyoming statutes.

### HUNTING ETHICS

*Drive only on  
established roads open  
to vehicle traffic*

## U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE WATERFOWL HUNTING AND BAITING INFORMATION

#### What Is Legal?

You can hunt waterfowl on or over or from:

- Standing crops or flooded standing crops, including aquatic plants.
- Standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation.
- Flooded harvested croplands.
- Lands or areas where grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, or post-harvest manipulation.
- Lands or areas where top-sown seeds have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, or a planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation.
- A blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation.
- A blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, provided your use of such vegetation does not expose, deposit, distribute or scatter grain or other feed.
- Standing or flooded standing crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as the result of hunters entering or leaving the area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds. Hunters are cautioned that while conducting these activities, any intentional scattering of grain will create a baited area.

#### What Is Illegal?

Some examples of areas where you cannot hunt waterfowl include:

- Areas where grain or seed has been top-sown and the Cooperative Extension Service does not recommend the practice of top sowing (see section on wildlife food plots).
- Crops that have been harvested outside of the recommended harvest dates established by the Cooperative Extension Service (including any subsequent post-harvest manipulations).
- Unharvested crops that have been trampled by livestock or subjected to other types of manipulations that distribute, scatter, or expose grain.
- Areas where grain is present and stored, such as grain elevators and grain bins.
- Areas where grain is present for the purpose of feeding livestock.
- Freshly planted wildlife food plots that contain exposed grain.
- Croplands where a crop has been harvested and the removed grain is redistributed or "added back" onto the area where grown.

These examples do not represent an all-inclusive list of waterfowl baiting violations.

#### The Hunter's Responsibility

As a waterfowl hunter, you are responsible for determining whether your proposed hunting area is baited. Before hunting, you should:

- Familiarize yourself with Federal and State waterfowl hunting regulations.
- Ask the landowner, your host or guide, and your hunting partners if the area has been baited and inspect the area for the presence of bait.
- Suspect the presence of bait if you see waterfowl feeding in a particular area in unusually large concentrations or displaying a lack of caution.
- Look for grain or other feed in the water, along the shore, and on the field. Pay particular attention to the presence of spilled grain on harvested fields and seeds planted by means of top sowing.
- Confirm that scattered seeds or grains on agricultural lands are present solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, normal agricultural harvesting, normal agricultural post-harvest manipulation, or normal soil stabilization practice by consulting the Cooperative Extension Service.
- Abandon the hunting site if you find grain or feed in an area and are uncertain about why it is there.

#### Excerpts from Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.21(i)

No persons shall take migratory game birds:

(i) By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. However, nothing in this paragraph prohibits:

(1) The taking of any migratory game bird, including waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas—

(i) Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics); standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, postharvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;

(ii) From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;

(iii) From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or,

(iv) Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.

(2) The taking of any migratory game bird, except waterfowl, coots, and cranes, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

**LITTER.** Spent shotgun shells are considered litter. Please dispose of spent shotgun hulls properly along with other litter.

**MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.** Migratory game birds that may be legally taken during authorized seasons by properly licensed hunters include coots, doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, rails, sandhill cranes and snipe. A license is not required to take crows.

**NATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP).**

Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, sandhill cranes or snipe shall be in possession of a Wyoming HIP permit. Each person obtaining a HIP permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing the person's name in ink across the face of the permit. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year.

Wyoming HIP permits shall be available only on the Department website. Only one HIP permit is required to hunt all species for the entire migratory game bird season. HIP permits are non-transferable to other states. A separate permit is required from each state in which you hunt.

**HUNTING ETHICS**

*Respect the land,  
the landowner and  
the game you pursue*

**NONTOXIC SHOT.** Nontoxic shot (steel or other federally approved nontoxic shot) shall be required when taking or attempting to take ducks, mergansers, coots or geese. Nontoxic shot is also required when using a shotgun to take game birds or small game on the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas. A current list of federally-approved nontoxic shot types can be viewed at 50 CFR 20.21(j) (1).

**CAUTION:** More restrictive regulations may apply on national wildlife refuges. For additional information about federal regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P. O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225-0486, (303) 236-7540.

**OPEN HOURS FOR TAKING SMALL GAME, UPLAND GAME BIRDS AND WILD TURKEY.** Small game animals may only be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise

to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. Except as otherwise provided, upland game birds and wild turkey may only be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

**PERMISSION TO HUNT, FISH, TRAP OR COLLECT ANTLERS OR HORNS.** No person shall enter upon the private property of any person to hunt, fish, trap or collect antlers or horns without the permission of the landowner or person in charge of the property. The license must bear the signature of the landowner, lessee or agent of the landowner on whose private property the person is accessing or other legitimate proof as evidence that permission to hunt has been granted.

**PHEASANT SPECIAL MANAGEMENT PERMIT.** A pheasant Special Management Permit is required to hunt pheasants on some Department wildlife habitat management areas, some lands enrolled in the Access Yes Program and some state lands. Revenue from this permit helps finance pheasant rearing and stocking at our bird farms in the state. (See page 13)

**PRECAUTIONS WHEN HUNTING IN AREAS OCCUPIED BY GRIZZLY BEARS.** Hunters and anglers are reminded grizzly bears occupy many areas in and around the Bridger-Teton, Shoshone and Caribou-Targhee National Forests in northwest Wyoming. The Department strongly recommends individuals working and recreating in these areas take pre-

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cautions, including carrying bear pepper spray, to avoid conflicts with grizzly bears. Information about human safety and proper storage of food and other attractants in occupied grizzly habitat is available from the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices, U.S. Forest Service Offices and the Department website. Regulations concerning food/carcass storage in occupied grizzly habitat can be obtained from the U.S. Forest Service. Report all conflicts with grizzly bears to the nearest Department Regional Office.

For information about staying safe in bear country, visit the Department bear wise page: <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Bear-Wise-Print>

#### **PROHIBITED ACTS.** It is illegal to:

- Use any dog to hunt, run or harass any big or trophy game animal, protected animal or furbearing animal except as otherwise provided by statute. The Commission shall regulate the use of dogs to take mountain lions and bobcats during hunting or trapping seasons.
- Use any aircraft with the intent to spot, locate and aid in the taking of any big game animal from August 1 through January 31 of the following calendar year. Nothing in this Section shall apply to the operation of an aircraft in a usual manner where there is no attempt or intent to locate any game animal, such as aircraft used for the sole purpose of passenger transport.
- Take and leave, abandon or allow the edible portion of any game bird, game fish or game animal (except trophy game animal) to intentionally or needlessly go to waste.
- Transport illegally taken wildlife across state lines; such transportation is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act.
- Abandon meat from a big game animal or game bird at a meat processing plant. Unless there is an express agreement between the processing plant and the person providing otherwise, any meat from a big game animal or game bird left at a meat processing plant for more than forty-five (45) days is prima facie evidence of a violation if written notice of the expiration of time has been attempted by the processing plant in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission.
- Harass, pursue, hunt, shoot or kill any Wyoming wildlife except predatory animals with, from or by use of any flying machine, automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle or vehicle designed for travel over snow. The Commission may exempt handicapped hunters from any of these provisions. It is also illegal to shoot waterfowl from a boat under power or sail.

**PROTECTED BIRDS.** Migratory birds that may not be taken, possessed, transported, sold or bartered include all migratory birds as defined and protected under federal law including, but not limited to, whooping cranes, bitterns, grebes, herons, egrets, kingfishers, loons, pelicans, seagulls, shorebirds, eagles, falcons, hawks and owls. Any insectivorous birds and songbirds not otherwise classified are protected. Trumpeter swans are also protected in Wyoming.

**SHIPPING GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS OUT OF STATE.** Except as otherwise exempt by state statute, no game animal or game bird, or any part thereof, shall be shipped or transported from the state except by the person who harvested the animal, and in possession of the proper license, stamp and carcass coupon as required, or unless the amount does not exceed twenty five (25) pounds and is properly tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag. Not more than twenty five (25) pounds from any one (1) big or

trophy game animal may be exported from the state unless the part to be exported from the state is of a nonedible trophy or hidelike nature and properly tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag or the big or trophy game animal was legally harvested by a nonresident and is tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag.

**SHIPPING GAME ANIMALS AND GAME BIRDS WITHIN WYOMING.** Except as otherwise exempt by state statute, no person shall ship, transport or receive for shipment or transportation within Wyoming any game animal, game bird, or any part thereof, unless tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag, or unless the transportation of a big or trophy game animal is by a person in possession of a proper carcass coupon signed and dated by the person who harvested the animal, or the transportation of game birds or small game is by a properly licensed hunter in possession of not more than the daily bag or possession limit.

**“SKY-BUSTING” AND RETRIEVAL OF DOWNED BIRDS.** It is unethical and disrespectful to your fellow hunters to shoot at geese, ducks and other game birds beyond reasonable killing ranges. The law requires that you make a reasonable effort to retrieve and reduce to possession any



### **Common violations NO FLUORESCENT ORANGE/FLUORESCENT PINK CLOTHING**

**The wearing of fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink clothing while hunting small game and game birds is recommended as a safety measure and is required when hunting pheasants on Department Wildlife Habitat Management Areas or on Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal Lands bordering and including Glendo State Park. Fluorescent orange camouflage or fluorescent pink camouflage are legal.**

wounded or crippled migratory game birds you have shot. If you hit a migratory game bird and see it fall or land in a location you can legally access, then you have an obligation to search for the downed bird and attempt to retrieve it. If a crippled migratory game bird lands on adjoining private land, you have an obligation to seek that landowner's permission to retrieve the downed bird.

**TAKING PREDATORY ANIMALS AND PREDACIOUS BIRDS.** Predatory animals and predacious birds may be taken without a license.

**VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS ON FEDERAL LAND.** Sportspersons are advised that many areas of National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands are subject to travel and vehicle use limitations to protect resources. Maps and additional information regarding these limitations are available at U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other agency offices near these public lands.

**WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS.** Waterfowl hunters should be aware certain bodies of water within Wyoming have watercraft restrictions on them. For a list of waters that have restrictions, please check the watercraft or fishing regulations or check with your local Department Regional Office.

**WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS WITH DIFFICULT PUBLIC ACCESS.** Hunt areas marked with an asterisk (\*) are predominantly private lands or have limited accessible public lands. If you are considering applying for a license in any of these hunt areas, you are advised to obtain landowner permission before applying. Obtaining permission to hunt after you receive a license is often difficult or impossible. You may hunt legally accessible state or public land within these hunt areas, but such lands are often small parcels that receive heavy hunting pressure and may not sustain the species of wildlife you desire to hunt. In addition, wildlife are often more abundant on the private land portions of these areas. Inability to secure a place to hunt is not cause for a license refund or exchange.

**WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT.** Wyoming is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact. The Compact enables a violator from any member state to accept a wildlife citation and proceed on their way without being required to post an appearance bond unless the violation requires **MUST APPEAR** and **NO BOND ACCEPTED**. The Compact provides for the suspension of wildlife license privileges in the home state of any person whose license privileges have been suspended by a participating state. If you have had your privileges suspended in any of the participating states, you may lose your privileges in Wyoming, in addition to all the participating Compact states. Additional information about the Compact can be obtained by contacting the Wildlife Law Enforcement Coordinator at (307) 233-6413.

**WIND RIVER RESERVATION.** Only non-Indian owned, fee title lands are open to the taking of wildlife with a State of Wyoming license. Land status is complicated and lawful access must be investigated thoroughly. Sportspersons are advised it is their responsibility to determine land status prior to entering these areas.

**WYOMING STATE PARKS.** Wyoming State Parks allow limited hunting opportunities at specific locations and may have additional restrictions and regulations for access and hunting. Sportspersons are encouraged to contact Wyoming State Parks at [wyoparks.gov](http://wyoparks.gov) or contact the individual State Park Office for additional information prior to hunting.

# 2022 UPLAND GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASONS

## WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO HUNT UPLAND GAME BIRDS IN WYOMING?

Resident requirement	Under age 14	Ages 14 and older
Resident daily or 12 month game bird or game bird/small game hunting license (See page 4)	No	YES
Hunter Safety Certificate (See page 6)	YES	YES
Wyoming Conservation Stamp (See page 5)	No	YES
Pheasant Special Management Permit (See page 13)	YES	YES

Nonresident requirement	Under age 14	Ages 14 through 17	Ages 18 and older
Nonresident daily or 12 month game bird/small game hunting license (See page 4)	No	No	YES
Nonresident 12 month youth game bird/small game hunting license (See page 4)	No	YES	No
Hunter Safety Certificate (See page 6)	YES	YES	YES
Wyoming Conservation Stamp (See page 5)	No	YES	YES
Pheasant Special Management Permit (See page 13)	YES	YES	YES

### Section 1. Authority.

This regulation is promulgated by authority of Wyoming Statutes § 23-1-302 and § 23-2-105.

### Section 2. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Bag and Possession Limit. Only one (1) daily bag limit of each species of upland game birds and small game may be taken per day regardless of the number of hunt areas hunted in a single day. When hunting more than one (1) hunt area, a person's daily and possession limits shall be equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest daily and possession limit prescribed for any one (1) of the specified hunt areas in which the hunting and possession occurs.

(b) Evidence of sex and species shall remain naturally attached to the carcass of any upland game bird in the field and during transportation. For pheasant, this shall include the feathered head, feathered wing or foot. For all other upland game bird species, this shall include one fully feathered wing.

(c) No person shall possess or use shot other than nontoxic shot for hunting game birds and small game with a shotgun on the Commission's Table Mountain and Springer wildlife habitat management areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

(d) Required Clothing. Any person hunting pheasants within the boundaries of any Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Habitat Management Area, or on Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering and including Glendo State Park, shall wear in a visible manner at least one (1) outer garment of fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink color which shall include a hat, shirt, jacket, coat, vest or sweater.

### Section 3. Upland Game Bird Hunting Seasons.

(a) Sage Grouse Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limits and Limitations

SAGE GROUSE					
Hunt Area	Season Dates		Bag limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 17	Sep. 30	2	4	Any sage grouse
2,3					CLOSED
4	Sep. 17	Sep. 19	2	4	Any sage grouse

(i) Sage Grouse Hunt Area Descriptions.

**Area 1.** Includes all of Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Sweetwater, Uinta and Washakie counties, as well as that portion of Albany County north of U.S. Highway 30-287 and west of the Fetterman Road (Albany County Road 61), that portion of Converse County south and west of the Balsh Road (U.S.F.S. Road 660), all of Carbon County except that portion east of the Medicine Bow River and South of U.S. Highway 30-287, all of Lincoln and Sublette counties except those portions within the Snake River drainage, and all of Natrona County except that portion east of Interstate Highway 25. Area 1 also excludes that portion of Natrona County south of Interstate Highway 25 in the Muddy Creek drainage.

**Area 2.** The entire state of Wyoming excluding the lands described in Areas 1, 3 and 4.

**Area 3.** All lands in the Snake River drainage within Lincoln, Sublette and Teton counties.

**Area 4.** Beginning at the intersection of the Sheridan-Big Horn county line with the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said state line to the Rocky Point Road in Crook County; southerly along said road to the "D" Road; southerly along said road to Interstate Highway 90; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16 at Moorcroft; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 85 at Newcastle; southerly along said highway to the Weston-Niobrara-Campbell-Converse-Natrona-Johnson county lines; westerly along said county lines to the Washakie-Johnson-Big Horn-Sheridan county lines; northerly then northwesterly along said county lines to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

(b) Blue (Dusky) Grouse Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

BLUE (DUSKY) GROUSE					
Hunt Area	Season Dates		Bag limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Any blue (dusky) grouse

(i) Blue (Dusky) Grouse Hunt Area Description.

**Area 1.** The entire state of Wyoming.

(c) Ruffed Grouse Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limits and Limitations.

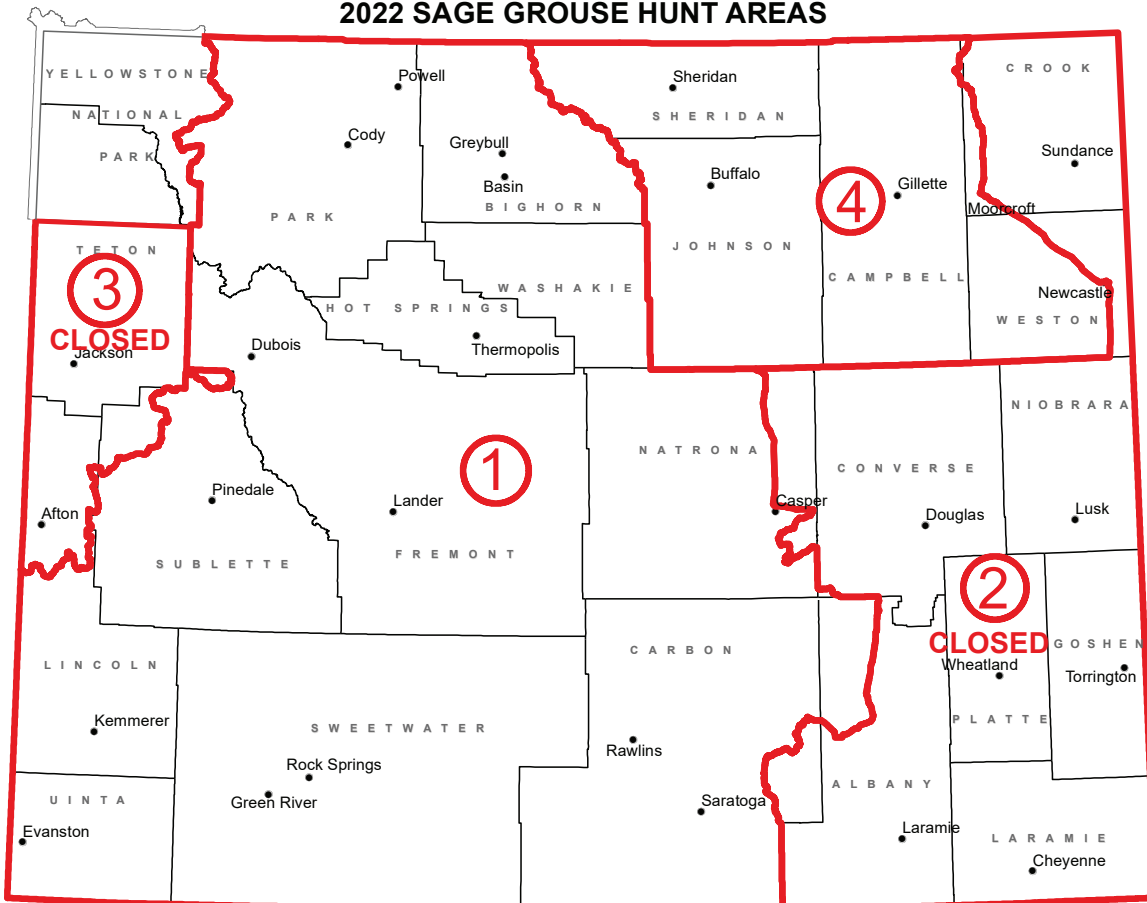
RUFFED GROUSE					
Hunt Area	Season Dates		Bag limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Any ruffed grouse

(i) Ruffed Grouse Hunt Area Description.

**Area 1.** The entire state of Wyoming.



2022 SAGE GROUSE HUNT AREAS



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(d) Partridge Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

CHUKAR PARTRIDGE					
Hunt Area	Season Dates		Bag limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 15	Jan. 31	5	15	Any chukar partridge

GRAY PARTRIDGE					
Hunt Area	Season Dates		Bag limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 15	Jan. 31	5	15	Any gray partridge

(i) Partridge Hunt Area Description.

**Area 1.** The entire state of Wyoming.

(e) Sharp-Tailed Grouse Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE					
Hunt Area	Season Dates		Bag limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Any sharp-tailed grouse

(i) Sharp-Tailed Grouse Hunt Area Description.

**Area 1.** That portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide.



Blue (dusky) grouse



Ruffed grouse



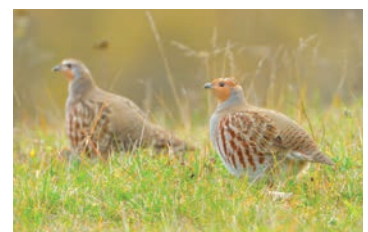
Sage grouse



Sharp-tailed grouse



Chukar partridge



Gray partridge

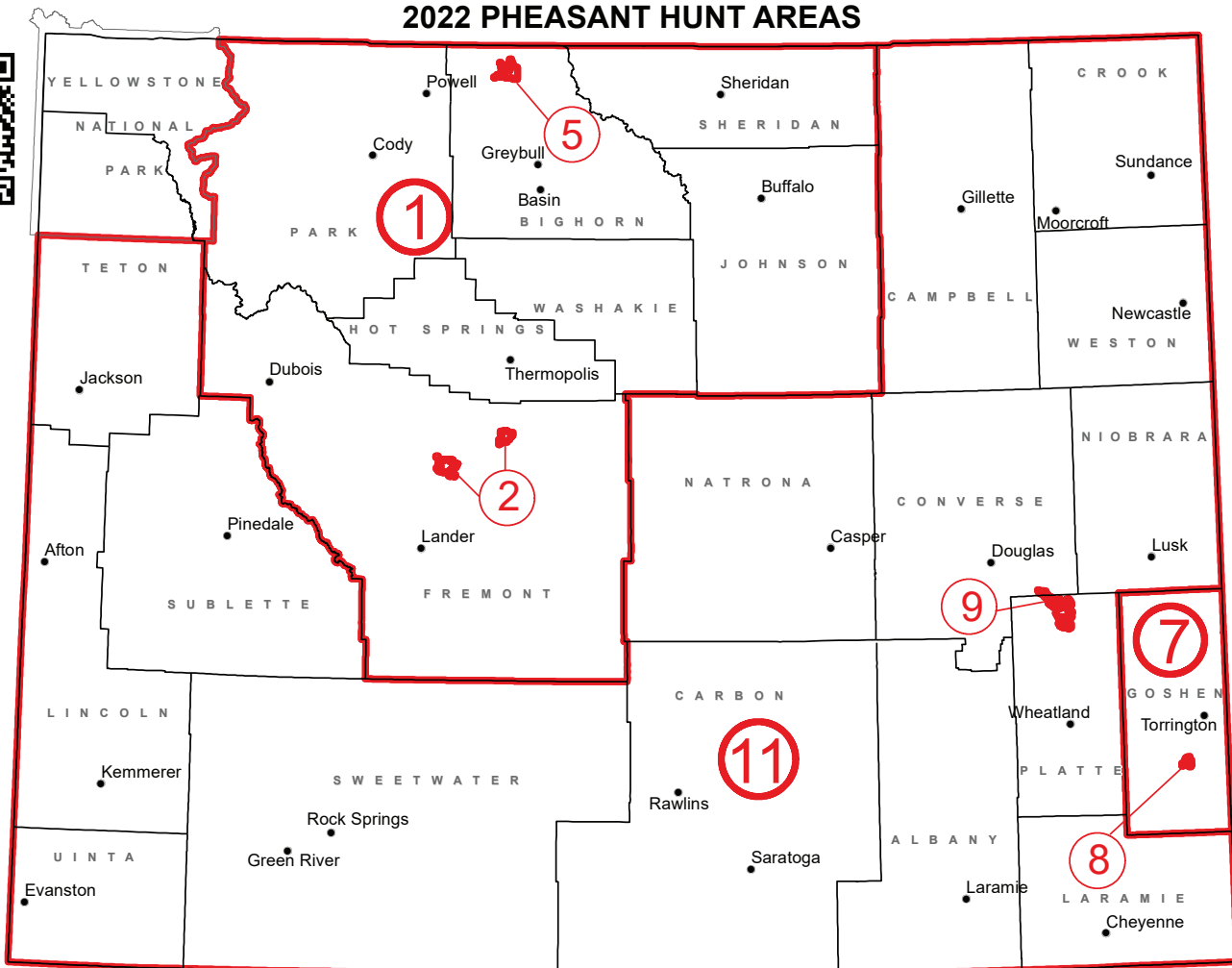
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(f) Pheasant Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit, Limitations and Shooting Hours.

PHEASANT								
Hunt Area	Season Dates		Bag limit		Limitations	Shooting Hours		End
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession		Start	End	
1	Nov. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only except those areas in Sheridan and Johnson counties that require a Pheasant Special Management Permit in Section 4 shall be open for any pheasant. (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 7)	½ hour before Sunrise		Sunset
2	Nov. 1	Dec. 4	2	6	Any pheasant (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 7)	Week Days 8:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	
						Weekend Days 8:00 a.m.	Sunset	
2	Dec. 5	Dec. 31	2	6	Male pheasant only	½ hour before Sunrise		Sunset
5	Nov. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only except that portion of Area 5 north of the Shoshone River and west of the Yellowtail Reservoir shall be open for any pheasant (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 7)	Veterans Day (State Observed Holiday), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and Weekend Days ½ hour before Sunrise		Sunset
						Week Days 11:00 a.m.	Sunset	
7	Nov. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only	½ hour before Sunrise		Sunset
						Table Mountain WHMA ½ hour before Sunrise	4:00 p.m.	
8	Oct. 13	Oct. 31	3	Season limit 9	Any pheasant (Springer permits) Refer to Section 5	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	
8	Nov. 1	Nov. 11	3	9	Any pheasant	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	
9	Nov. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant (Glendo permits) Refer to Section 6	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	
11	Nov. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant	½ hour before Sunrise		Sunset

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## 2022 PHEASANT HUNT AREAS



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## (i) Pheasant Hunt Area Descriptions.

**Area 1.** All of Fremont County, excluding those lands described in pheasant hunt area 2. All of Sheridan, Johnson, Park, Washakie and Hot Springs counties, and all of Big Horn County excluding those lands described in pheasant hunt area 5.

**Area 2.** All lands in the Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area, the Mile High Ranch Access Area, the Killebrew Ranches Access Area and all lands in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road.

**Area 5.** All of the lands included in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of U.S. Highway 14A.

**Area 7.** All of Goshen County excluding Hunt Area 8.

**Area 8.** All of the lands included in the Springer/Bump-Sullivan Wildlife Habitat Management Area.

**Area 9.** All Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering and including Glendo State Park and the adjoining Department's Access Yes Walk-in Area.

**Area 11.** The entire State of Wyoming excluding the lands described in Areas 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 9.

## (ii) Closed Areas.

(A) The waters and lands within one-half (1/2) mile of the aeration system on the north side of Ocean Lake shall be closed to pheasant hunting beginning December 15 through December 31 of each year.

(B) The Downar Bird Farm and Springer Headquarters in Goshen County shall be closed to pheasant hunting as marked by signs.

(C) Pond Number 1 and adjacent lands on the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County, as marked by colored signs and posts, shall be closed to pheasant hunting after November 11.

(D) The Sheridan Bird Farm in Sheridan County shall be closed to pheasant hunting, except during hunts sponsored and supervised by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

**Section 4. Pheasant Special Management Permit.**

A Pheasant Special Management Permit shall be required of any person, except those exempted in this section, who participates in the hunting of pheasants in those areas listed in subsection (a) of this section. Owners of lands enrolled in the Department's Access Yes Walk-In Areas, and members of their immediate families (landowner's spouse, parents, grandparents, lineal descendants and their spouses or siblings) are exempt from the requirement to obtain a Pheasant Special Management Permit when they are hunting pheasants on the deeded land of the landowner. The Pheasant Special Management Permit shall be in possession of any person while hunting pheasants, and shall be immediately produced for inspection upon request from any authorized Department representative. The permit shall be available at Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and designated license selling agents.

(a) Pheasant Special Management Permit Areas. A Pheasant Special Management Permit shall be required to hunt pheasants in the areas listed in this subsection:

(i) Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Johnson County.

(ii) Glendo State Park; including all Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering the Park and the adjoining Department's Access Yes Walk-In Area in Platte County.

(iii) Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area, the Mile High Ranch Access Area and the Killebrew Ranches Access Area in Fremont County.

(iv) Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County.

(v) Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County.

(vi) Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area, excluding any private lands included within the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area, in Big Horn County.

(vii) All lands in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road in Fremont County.

(viii) All lands open to the hunting of pheasants that are enrolled in the Department's Access Yes Program, excluding Walk-In Access Areas in Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties on which pheasants are not released by the Department.

(ix) All State Trust land in Sheridan County.

(x) Welch Ranch Management Area in Sheridan County.



*Hens and rooster pheasants*



### Section 5. Springer Permit Pheasant Season.

There shall be a Springer permit pheasant season in Hunt Area 8 beginning October 13 through October 31. In order to participate in this season, a person shall possess and present upon request a valid Springer permit, a valid bird license and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by state statute) and a Pheasant Special Management Permit. The Springer permit shall only be valid for the day printed on the permit by the Department.

(a) Application for Springer Permits. Applications shall be submitted through the Electronic Licensing Service (ELS). Only youths may apply for Springer permits for youth only hunt days as set forth in Section 5 (c) of this Chapter. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. A person shall only submit a single application. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail of their hunting date and furnished a set of special instructions.

(b) Issuance of Springer Permits. A maximum of one hundred twenty (120) permits shall be issued to successful applicants in the drawing for each day of the Springer permit pheasant season. A maximum of one hundred twenty (120) hunters shall be allowed to hunt at any one time during the Springer permit pheasant season. When a hunter checks out of the Springer Check Station, the Department may issue a permit to another person at the check station. If all one hundred twenty (120) permits for a single day have not been issued by the Department, or if the check station attendants are advised that a permitted hunter will not participate, the Department may issue a permit to another person at the check station on a first-come, first-served basis, not to exceed a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) permitted hunters. Permitted hunters may begin hunting at 8:00 a.m. Hunters who are issued permits through the drawing must check in at the check station by 9:00 a.m. on the date their permit is valid. Permits that are unclaimed after 9:00 a.m. may be issued to other hunters on a first-come, first-served basis.

(c) Youth Only Hunt Days. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on the youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. The youth only hunt days are October 15, 23 and 29.

(d) Springer Check Station. The Springer Check Station is located one and one-quarter (1-1/4) miles west of U.S. Highway 85 on the south boundary of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area. The hours of operation of the check station shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily during the Springer permit pheasant season. Persons participating in the Springer permit pheasant season shall check in at the check station prior to hunting. Prior to leaving the Springer permit pheasant area, each hunter shall check out at the check station by 4:30 p.m. on the same day that the hunter registered and shall accurately report all harvested pheasants and return all special hunt materials to the check station.

(e) Parking Assignment. Parking lot assignments and tags shall be issued by the Department for each vehicle utilized by hunters. Parking lot tags shall be displayed in a visible manner in each vehicle. All vehicles shall be parked in assigned parking lots.

### Section 6. Glendo Permit Pheasant Season.

Glendo permits shall be required to hunt pheasants in Hunt Area 9 on each Friday, Saturday and Monday during the open season in November. Glendo permits are not required to hunt pheasants in Hunt Area 9 on other days during the open season. A person shall possess and present upon request a valid Glendo permit (on those days required), a valid bird license, a Pheasant Special Management Permit and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by state statute).

**GLENDO STATE PARK USER FEES. Persons hunting in Glendo State Park are required to have a State Park Permit. Permits can be purchased at any State Park or by telephone at 1-877-WYO-PARK or on the website at [www.wyo-park.com](http://www.wyo-park.com).**

(a) Youth Only Hunt Days. Youth only hunt days shall be the following Sundays: November 6, 13, 20 and 27. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. No Glendo permit is required for youths to hunt on youth only hunt days.

(b) Application for Glendo Permits. Applications shall be submitted through the ELS. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. A person shall only submit a single application. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail of their hunting date and furnished a set of special instructions.

(c) Issuance of Glendo Permits. A maximum of sixty (60) permits shall be issued in the drawing for each day a permit is required. The Glendo permit shall only be valid for the day printed on the permit by the Department.

### Section 7. Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area, Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area and Pheasant Hunt Area 2 Youth Pheasant Hunt.

Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on the dates listed in this section. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adults shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days.

(a) The Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area and pheasant hunt area 2 youth only hunt day is Saturday November 19.

(b) The Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area youth only hunt days are November 18-20 and shall take place on all lands included in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of the Shoshone River.



# 2022 SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

## WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO HUNT SMALL GAME IN WYOMING?

Resident requirement	Under age 14	Ages 14 and older
Resident daily or 12 month small game or game bird/small game hunting license (See page 4)	No	YES
Hunter Safety Certificate (See page 6)	YES	YES
Wyoming Conservation Stamp (See page 5)	No	YES

Nonresident requirement	Under age 14	Ages 14 through 17	Ages 18 and older
Nonresident daily or 12 month game bird/small game hunting license (See page 4)	No	No	YES
Nonresident 12 month youth game bird/small game hunting license (See page 4)	No	YES	No
Hunter Safety Certificate (See page 6)	YES	YES	YES
Wyoming Conservation Stamp (See page 5)	No	YES	YES

### Section 8. Small Game Hunting Seasons.

(a) Small Game Species, Seasons Dates, Bag Limits and Limitations.

Species	Season Dates		Bag limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
Cottontail Rabbit	Sep. 1	Mar. 31	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
Snowshoe Hare	Sep. 1	Mar. 31	4	8	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Grey and Fox Squirrel	Sep. 1	Mar. 31	10	20	Any red, grey or fox squirrel

(i) Small Game Hunt Area Description.

**Area 1.** The entire state of Wyoming.

### Section 9. Archery Regulations.

Upland game birds and small game may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with limitations set forth in this Chapter.

### Section 10. Upland Game Bird and Small Game Falconry Seasons.

(a) Upland game birds may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 3 of this Chapter. Persons hunting with falcons may take any pheasant.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those open hunt areas listed in Section 3 of this Chapter and subject to the closures listed in Subsection 10(c) of this Chapter.

(c) Closed Areas.

Pheasant Hunt Area	Limitations
8, 9	Closed to falconry hunting

Also refer to closed areas in Section 3.

(d) The daily bag and possession limits for upland game birds other than sage grouse, shall be as set forth in Section 3 of this Chapter. The daily bag limit shall be one (1) sage grouse and the possession limit shall be two (2) sage grouse.

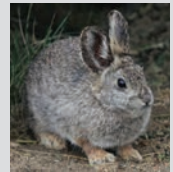
(e) Persons taking sage grouse with falcons shall respond to Department surveys not later than May 1, 2023 requesting harvest information for the period September 1, 2022 through March 1, 2023.

(f) Small game animals may be taken with falcons in accordance with the open seasons in the table below.

Species	Falconry Season Dates		Bag limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
Cottontail Rabbit	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
	Mar. 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any cottontail rabbit
Snowshoe Hare	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any snowshoe hare
	Mar. 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Grey and Fox Squirrel	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any red, grey or fox squirrel
	Mar. 2	Aug. 31	1	2	Any red, grey or fox squirrel

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PYGMY RABBITS

Small game hunters in southwest Wyoming should be aware of the pygmy rabbit, a small, rare rabbit similar in appearance to the cottontail. Pygmy rabbits are found in Uinta, southern Fremont, Lincoln and Sublette counties and western Sweetwater County. Pygmy rabbits inhabit dense, tall thickets of sagebrush along small streams and riparian areas, sagebrush stringers along dry washes, and hummocks or clumps of sagebrush on dry, upland benches. The pygmy rabbit is classified as a nongame species and protected from intentional harvest. There is no open season for taking pygmy rabbits. The pygmy rabbit is about the size of a juvenile cottontail.



Other comparative characteristics are:

#### Pygmy Rabbit

Short, rounded ears  
Small, inconspicuous tail  
Yellow-brown on underside

#### Cottontail Rabbit

Longer, more pointed ears  
Large white tail



Red squirrel



Snowshoe hare



Cottontail rabbit

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## WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO HUNT MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS IN WYOMING?

Resident requirement	Under age 14	Ages 14 and 15	Ages 16 and older
Resident daily or 12 month game bird or game bird/small game hunting license (See page 4)	No	YES	YES
Hunter Safety Certificate (See page 6)	YES	YES	YES
Wyoming Conservation Stamp (See page 5)	No	YES	YES
Federal Duck Stamp (See page 6)	No	No	YES
Wyoming HIP Permit (See page 8)	No	YES	YES

Nonresident requirement	Under age 14	Ages 14 and 15	Ages 16 and 17	Ages 18 and older
Nonresident daily or 12 month game bird/small game hunting license (See page 4)	No	No	No	YES
Nonresident 12 month youth game bird/small game hunting license (See page 4)	No	YES	YES	No
Hunter Safety Certificate (See page 6)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wyoming Conservation Stamp (See page 5)	No	YES	YES	YES
Federal Duck Stamp (See page 6)	No	No	YES	YES
Wyoming HIP Permit (See page 8)	No	YES	YES	YES

### Under federal regulations 50 CFR 20.21

• **“Baiting”** - Means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, manipulating or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them. (Note that this is a very broad definition)

• **“Baited area”**- Means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

• The presence of seed or grain in livestock feeding operations are baited areas and rules out waterfowl hunting unless the seed or grain is scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, normal agricultural harvesting, normal agricultural post-harvest manipulation, or normal soil stabilization practice.

**For further information regarding federal waterfowl baiting rules, refer to [www.fws.gov/le/waterfowl-hunting-and-baiting.html](http://www.fws.gov/le/waterfowl-hunting-and-baiting.html). See additional baiting information on Page 7.**

### Section 2. Hunting Regulations.

(a) Federal Regulations. 50 CFR 20.21(i) revised as of August 8, 2019, which do not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter, governing the baiting of migratory game birds, are adopted as regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Violations of these federal statutes and regulations shall be violations of the Commission regulations. A copy of Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations can be viewed at the Cheyenne Headquarters, Department Regional Offices or on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website ([www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)).

(b) Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp). A federal duck stamp is required for persons sixteen (16) years of age and older to hunt ducks, geese and mergansers. A federal duck stamp is not required to hunt coots, sandhill cranes, crows, mourning doves, rail or snipe. Federal duck stamps shall be signed in ink across the face of the stamp and shall be in possession of the hunter while in the field. Hunters possessing an electronic federal duck stamp are exempted from this signature provision during the time their electronic federal duck stamp is valid.

(c) HIP Permit. Each licensed hunter who hunts migratory game birds shall complete a current Wyoming validation for the National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) and shall obtain a Wyoming HIP permit. This requirement also applies to holders of

pioneer and lifetime hunting licenses. Each licensed hunter engaged in the act of hunting doves, ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, rails, cranes or snipe shall be in possession of a Wyoming HIP permit and shall immediately produce said permit upon request from any authorized Department representative. HIP permits shall be signed in ink across the face of the permit and shall be in possession of the hunter while in the field. HIP permits expire on June 30 each year. HIP permits are not transferrable to other states. A separate HIP permit is required from each state in which you hunt. Wyoming HIP permits shall be available only on the Department website. Youths under 14 are not required to obtain a HIP permit if they do not hold a valid game bird license.

(d) No person shall take migratory game birds:

(i) With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive or stupefying substance;

(ii) With any shotgun that can hold more than three (3) shells in the magazine and chamber combined, except during the light goose conservation order (refer to Section 7 of this regulation);

(iii) From a sink box or any low floating device, which has a depression to hide a person underneath the water’s surface;

(iv) From or by means of any motorboat or sailboat unless the motor has been completely shut off or sail furled, and the boat’s progress there from has ceased;

(v) By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of ten (10) consecutive days prior to hunting, and shall be confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of migratory game birds;

(vi) By the use of records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls, except during the light goose conservation order;

(vii) By driving, rallying or chasing migratory game birds with any motor driven land, water or air conveyance or any sailboat.

(e) Nontoxic Shot. No person shall hunt ducks, geese, mergansers or coots while possessing shot other than nontoxic shot. Nontoxic shot is also required when using a shotgun to hunt any game bird on the Commission’s Table Mountain and Springer/Bump-Sullivan wildlife habitat management areas.

(f) Evidence of Species. One fully feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification of migratory game birds, except mourning doves, in the field and while the birds are being transported.



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(g) Mourning Dove, Rail and Snipe Hunting Seasons.

<b>MOURNING DOVE, RAIL AND SNIPES - STATEWIDE</b>					
Species	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
Mourning Dove	Sep. 1	Nov. 29	b, d, e a – after Nov. 11 c – after Nov. 14	15	45
Sora and Virginia Rail	Sep. 1	Nov. 9	b, d, e	25	75
Snipe	Sep. 1	Dec. 16	b, d, e a – after Nov. 11 c – after Nov. 14	8	24

(h) Sandhill Crane Hunting Seasons

<b>LIMITED QUOTA PERMIT - SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS</b>					
Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Permit quota	Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Season Bag Limit
	Opens	Closes			
1	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	38		1
2	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	38		1
3	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	154	d	1
4	Oct. 1	Oct. 23	154		1
5	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	38		1
6	Sep. 17	Oct. 9	154		1
8	Sep. 1	Sep. 30	57		1

<b>GENERAL PERMIT - SANDHILL CRANE SEASONS</b>					
Hunt Area	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
7	Sep. 10	Nov. 6	b	3	9

(i) Permits. All persons, regardless of age, hunting sandhill cranes shall possess a permit valid for the hunt area in which they are hunting. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) limited quota sandhill crane permit. A person may also obtain a permit valid for the general sandhill crane season in Hunt Area 7.

(A) Limited Quota Sandhill Crane Permits. Persons may apply for limited quota sandhill crane permits through the Department's Electronic Licensing Service (ELS). Party applications shall be accepted. Maximum party size shall be two (2). Residents and nonresidents shall not apply together as a party.

(B) General Sandhill Crane Permits. Permits to hunt during the general sandhill crane season (Hunt Area 7) shall be available through the Department's ELS.

(ii) Tagging Sandhill Cranes. When a sandhill crane is killed under a limited quota permit, the permittee shall detach, sign and date the carcass coupon and attach the coupon to the carcass before leaving the site of the kill. The coupon shall remain on the crane carcass at all times until the meat undergoes processing, except that during transportation of the carcass the coupon may be removed to prevent its loss. If the coupon is removed for transportation of the carcass, it must be in possession of the person accompanying the carcass at all times. When dating a carcass coupon, the entire wedge or block shall be cut out for the date and the month of the kill. The carcass coupon shall be attached to the carcass of a sandhill crane in such a manner as to be plainly visible. Sandhill cranes killed during the general sandhill crane season in Hunt Area 7 are not required to be tagged. See page 29.

(iii) Limited Quota and General Sandhill Crane Hunt Area Descriptions.

Area and Number.

**Area 1.** All of the Bear River and Ham's Fork River drainages in Lincoln County.

**Area 2.** All of the Salt River drainage in Lincoln County south of the McCoy Creek Road.

**Area 3.** All lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Eden Project in Sweetwater County.

**Area 4.** All lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries; those lands within Boysen State Park south of Cottonwood Creek, west of Boysen Reservoir, and south of U.S. Highway 20-26; and all non-Indian owned fee title lands within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation, excluding those lands within Hot Springs County.

**Area 5.** All of Uinta County.

**Area 6.** All of Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties.

**Area 7.** All of Campbell, Converse, Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte and Weston counties.

**Area 8.** All of Johnson, Natrona and Sheridan counties.



*Sandhill crane*

(i) Waterfowl Hunting Seasons

(i) Pacific Flyway

<b>PACIFIC FLYWAY</b>					
Species	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
Ducks and Mergansers	Sep. 24	Jan. 6	d, e f - through Oct. 8	7*	21*
Coots	Sep. 24	Jan. 6	d, e f - through Oct. 8	15	45
Early Canada Goose	Sep. 1	Sep. 8	d, e f - through Oct. 8	5	15
Dark Geese	Sep. 24	Dec. 29	d, e f - through Oct. 8	5	15
Light Geese	Sep. 24	Dec. 29	d, e f - through Oct. 8	10	30

\* The daily bag limit of seven (7) ducks and mergansers may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:

- no more than two (2) hen mallards;
- no more than one (1) pintail;
- no more than two (2) canvasbacks;
- no more than two (2) redheads; and,
- no more than two (2) scaup. No scaup shall be taken after December 18.

(ii) Central Flyway Zones. The Central Flyway is divided into three (3) zones. Refer to the season dates for the zone in which you are hunting.

(A) ZONE C1 shall include Big Horn, Converse, Hot Springs, Natrona, Park and Washakie counties, and Fremont County excluding those portions south or west of the Continental Divide.

(B) ZONE C1A shall include Goshen and Platte counties.

(C) ZONE C2 shall include Albany, Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Laramie, Niobrara, Sheridan and Weston counties; and that portion of Carbon County east of the Continental Divide.

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(iii) Central Flyway

CENTRAL FLYWAY					
Species and Hunt Areas	Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Bag limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
Light geese	Oct. 1	Jan. 1	b a after Nov. 11 c after Nov. 14	20	60
	Feb. 1	Feb. 12	a, b, c	20	60
CENTRAL FLYWAY - ZONE C1					
Ducks and Mergansers	Oct. 1	Oct. 16		6**	18**
	Nov. 5	Jan. 24	c after Nov. 14	6**	18**
Coots	Oct. 1	Oct. 16		15	45
	Nov. 5	Jan. 24	c after Nov. 14	15	45
Dark Geese	Oct. 1	Oct. 9		5	15
	Nov. 5	Nov. 27	c after Nov. 14	5	15
	Dec. 2	Feb. 12	c	5	15
CENTRAL FLYWAY - ZONE C1A					
Ducks and Mergansers	Oct. 1	Oct. 16	b	6**	18**
	Nov. 5	Jan. 24	b a after Nov. 11	6**	18**
Coots	Oct. 1	Oct. 16	b	15	45
	Nov. 5	Jan. 24	b a after Nov. 11	15	45
Dark Geese*	Oct. 1	Oct. 12	b	2	6
	Nov. 12	Feb. 12	a, b	5	15
CENTRAL FLYWAY - ZONE C2					
Ducks and Mergansers	Sep. 24	Dec. 4		6**	18**
	Dec. 17	Jan. 10		6**	18**
Coots	Sep. 24	Dec. 4		15	45
	Dec. 17	Jan. 10		15	45
Dark Geese	Sep. 24	Dec. 4		5	15
	Dec. 17	Jan. 18		5	15

\*For Bump-Sullivan Managed Goose Hunt information, see Section 6.

\*\*The daily bag limit of six (6) ducks and mergansers may include any combination of species with the following restrictions:

- no more than five (5) mallards of which not more than two (2) shall be hens;
- no more than one (1) pintail;
- no more than three (3) wood ducks;
- no more than two (2) canvasbacks;
- no more than two (2) redheads; and,
- no more than one (1) scaup.
- two (2) blue-winged teal may be taken in addition to the regular limit of six (6) ducks during the following dates:
  - Zone C1 and C1A: October 1 – October 16
  - Zone C2: September 24 – October 9

(j) Special Hunting Days for Youths, Veterans and Active Military Personnel (including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty). In the Pacific Flyway and in Zone C2 of the Central Flyway, the special hunting days for youths, veterans and active military personnel are September 17-18, 2022. In Zone C1 and C1A of the Central Flyway, the special hunting days for youths, veterans and active military personnel are September 24-25, 2022. Only qualifying persons may take ducks, mergansers, coots

and geese on these special hunting days, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) All youth hunters shall be seventeen (17) years of age or younger and shall be accompanied in the field by an adult at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- (ii) No more than four (4) youths shall be accompanied by any one (1) adult.
- (iii) The accompanying adult shall not take ducks, coots, mergansers or geese unless they also qualify as a veteran or active military personnel. However the accompanying adult may participate in other open seasons.
- (iv) All license and stamp requirements, daily bag limits, species and sex restrictions, shooting hours and other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose seasons, as defined for each flyway, shall apply during the special hunting days for youths, veterans and active military personnel. Exceptions: The additional blue-winged teal limit does not apply on these special hunting days. In Zone C1A, the daily bag limit for dark geese shall be four (4) on the special hunting days for youths, veterans and active military personnel.
- (v) All veterans and active military personnel participating in the special hunting days shall be in possession of documentation confirming they are a veteran or active military personnel while hunting in the field.
- (vi) The areas described in Section 3 (b), (d), (e) and (f) shall be closed to hunting during the special hunting days for youths, veterans and active military personnel.

## Section 3. Description of Closed Areas.

The areas described in this Section shall be closed for the species and dates specified in the tables in Sections 2, 5 and 7.

(a) Goshen County

(i) Hawk Springs Reservoir. Beginning where the east fence of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way meets the south fence enclosing Hawk Springs Reservoir; due east along said fence to Goshen County Road 51; northerly along said road to the access road to the northeast dam of the reservoir; southwesterly along said road to the northeast dam and the fence enclosing the reservoir; northwesterly along said fence to the second gate; southwesterly from said gate to the northwest corner of the fence enclosing the reservoir; southerly along said fence to the beginning point.

(ii) Springer Reservoir. Beginning on U.S. Highway 85 at the George Marlatt farmhouse; westerly along the fence between the farm land and the pasture land to the west end of the west pump lake and Bump-Sullivan Ditch; southerly along said ditch to the high-water mark of Springer Reservoir; westerly then southerly along the high-water mark to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA); westerly then southerly along the Springer WHMA boundary to Parking Area 3; southeasterly along the reservoir access road to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department buildings; due south from said buildings across the Whispering Wings LLC property to the Fullmer Family Trust pasture fence; westerly along said fence to Goshen County Road 37; southerly along said road to Goshen County Road 42; easterly along said road to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the Springer WHMA boundary at the Casey L. Hunter property; westerly then northerly along said boundary to the fence separating the Joe and Judith Hunter Living Trust property and the George Marlatt & Son, Inc. property; easterly then southerly then easterly along said fence to U.S. Highway 85; northerly along said highway to the George Marlatt farmhouse.

(iii) Pond No. 1 Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Pond No. 1 and adjacent lands as marked by colored signs and posts.

(iv) Miller Lake (Glomill Reservoir). Miller Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.

(v) North Platte River. That portion of the North Platte River and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of each bank of said river beginning one-quarter (1/4) mile downstream of the western-most river crossing with Wyoming Highway 157 downstream to the eastern-most river crossing with Wyoming Highway 157.

(b) Platte County

(i) Festo Lake. Festo Lake and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.



(ii) Wheatland Reservoir No. 1. Wheatland Reservoir No. 1 and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.

(c) Fremont County

(i) Ocean Lake. The waters and lands within one-half (1/2) mile of the aeration system on the north side of Ocean Lake shall be closed to migratory game bird hunting beginning November 15 through March 10 of the following year.

(d) Sweetwater County

(i) Eden Reservoir. Eden Reservoir and all lands within three hundred (300) yards of the normal high water line.

(e) Lincoln County

(i) Palisades Reservoir. Beginning at the junction of the McCoy Creek Road and U.S. Highway 89; northerly on U.S. Highway 89 for one and six-tenths (1.6) miles to the Palisades Reservoir high water line; westerly along said high water line to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; south along said state line to the McCoy Creek Road; southeasterly along the McCoy Creek Road to U.S. Highway 89.

(f) Teton County

(i) South Park Wildlife Habitat Management Area Northwest Reservoirs. The three reservoirs (Snowy Egret, Sandhill Crane and Blue Heron) in the northwest corner of the property and the surrounding lands, beginning at the South Park Wildlife Habitat Management Area's northwest property corner; east along the fenced northern property boundary to Flat Creek; south along the western edge of Flat Creek to the bridge and South Park Feedground Road; southwest along South Park Feedground Road to the intersection with the maintenance road; northwest along the maintenance road to the end of the maintenance road; due west to the fenced property line; north along the fence to the northwest corner of the property.

**Section 5. Falconry Seasons.**

Migratory game birds may be taken by the use of trained raptors in the possession of properly licensed falconers during the regular hunting season set forth in Section 2 and extended falconry seasons in accordance with the limitations in this Section, Section 2, Section 3 and Section 4. Licensed adult falconers are allowed to hunt by falconry methods during the special hunting days for youths, veterans and active military personnel set forth in Section 2 (j).

(a) Falconry Bag and Possession Limits. The daily bag limit shall not exceed three (3) migratory game birds in the aggregate nor shall the possession limit exceed nine (9) migratory game birds in the aggregate for falconry during the regular hunting season or extended falconry seasons. The daily bag and possession limits, singly or in the aggregate, may include any species and sex of ducks, geese, coots, mergansers, rail, snipe, mourning doves and sandhill crane when seasons for these species are open. No more than one (1) sandhill crane shall be taken under a limited quota sandhill crane permit. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to the bag and possession limits listed in Section 2.

EXTENDED FALCONRY SEASONS					
Species and Hunt Areas	Extended Season Dates		Closed Areas Section 3 Subsections	Aggregate Bag Limit	
	Opens	Closes		Daily	Possession
Mourning Doves - Statewide	Nov. 30	Dec. 16	b, d, e a – after Nov. 11 c – after Nov. 14	3	9
Sora Rail and Virginia Rail – Statewide	Nov. 10	Dec. 16			
ZONE C1 and C1A Central Flyway - Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	b		
ZONE C2 Central Flyway - Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Sep. 19	Sep. 23			
	Dec. 5	Dec. 7			

**Section 4. Shooting Hours.**

(a) Except as provided in Section 4 (b) and Section 8, shooting hours for hunting all migratory game birds shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until sunset.

(b) Shooting hours for dark geese shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until 1:00 p.m. from November 12 through the close of dark goose season on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays within the following area: Goshen County north of Wyoming Highway 313 on the west side of U.S. Highway 85, and north of County Road 32 on the east side of U.S. Highway 85.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRD



Mourning dove (migratory game bird)

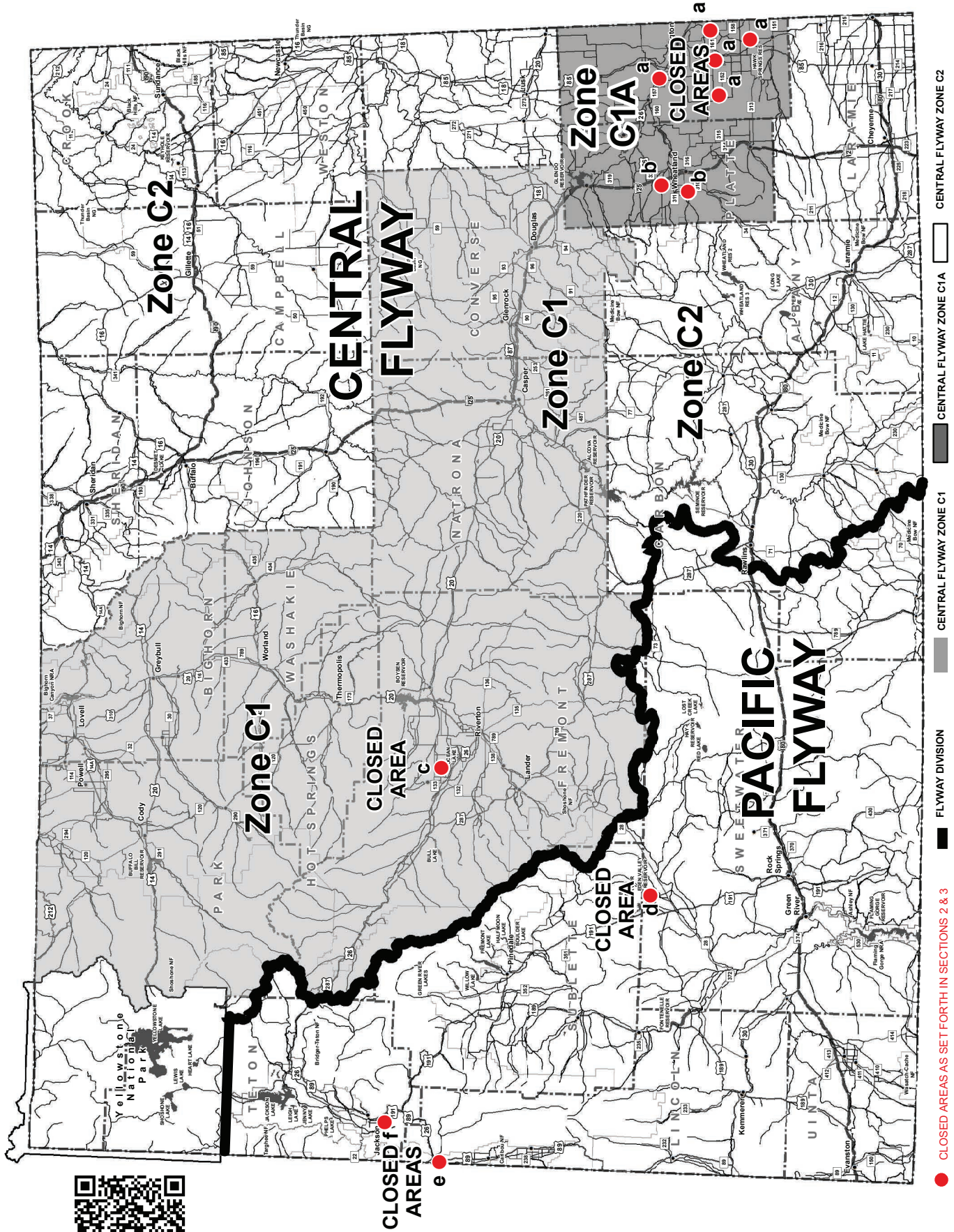


Eurasian collared dove (invasive species)





MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING AREAS

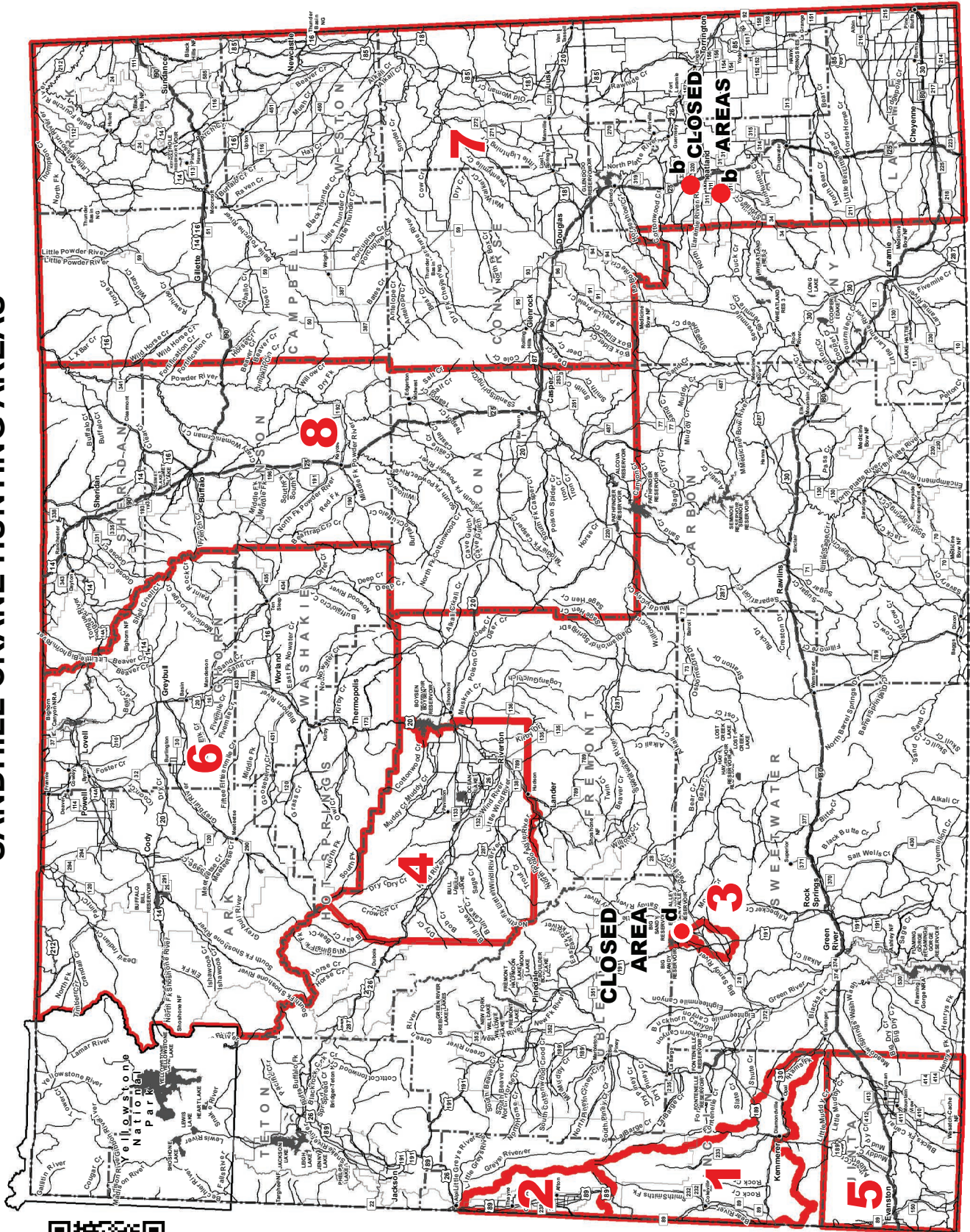


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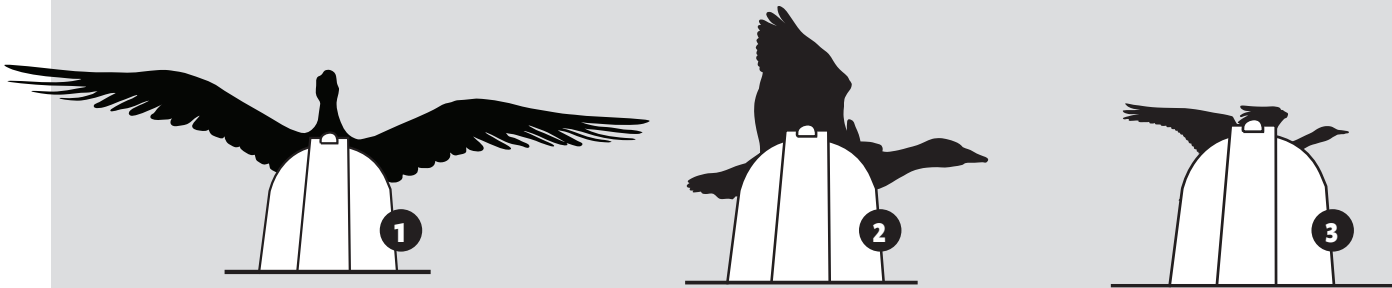
SANDHILL CRANE HUNTING AREAS



● CLOSED AREAS AS SET FORTH IN SECTIONS 2 & 3 □ SANDHILL CRANE HUNT AREAS  
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## How to estimate distance using your shotgun barrel



One of the toughest jobs for a waterfowl hunter is to judge how far away a target is. Shooting at waterfowl out of range (sky-busting) causes a significantly higher rate of crippling than shooting at closer ranges and is not a responsible way to hunt. This applies to geese in particular. Because of their size, geese usually appear closer than they actually are.

You can use your shotgun to learn to judge distances more accurately and quickly. If the portion of a large Canada goose covered by the end of your shotgun barrel does not extend beyond the wing tips on an overhead shot, then the goose is near the maximum range of 50-55 yards. If the area of the goose covered by the barrel does not extend beyond the wrist joints of the wings, then the goose is probably 40 yards or less and is within effective killing range. The illustrations above approximate what a goose's silhouette looks like at these maximum and optimum shotgun ranges. These guidelines are intended for 12 gauge shotguns with 28-30 inch barrel lengths. Generally speaking, if you cannot see wing tips of a flying goose outside the muzzle of the shotgun on an overhead shot, it is beyond 55 yards and too far away to shoot at. The same principle applies if you cannot see the body of a flying goose outside the

muzzle on a crossing shot.

Along with learning to estimate distances, pattern your shotgun and the loads you hunt with, and practice to improve your shooting skills. For most shotguns and reasonable shooting ranges, research has found that steel #BB or #BBB shot for large-bodied geese, and steel #2, #1, or #BB shot for small- and medium-bodied geese are needed for proper penetration (see Lethality Table on page 24). These shot sizes will carry enough energy to penetrate a goose's vital areas. In order to kill large-bodied geese, research has found your shotgun must consistently place at least 50-55 pellets inside a 30-inch circle at the distances you shoot. In order to kill small- or medium-bodied geese, research finds your shotgun must consistently place at least 60-65 pellets inside the 30-inch circle (see Lethality Table). Try patterning your shotgun at various distances with the appropriate pellet sizes. The distance at

**The shotgun barrel pictured above depicts the approximate area covered by a 12 gauge 28"-30" single barrel or over/under barrel at optimum range of forty (40) yards or less on an overhead shot (Fig. 1) and a crossing shot (Fig 2).**

**Fig. 3 indicates the approximate area covered at 50-55 yards on a crossing shot.**

**Remember: If your shotgun's muzzle appears to totally cover the goose, it is too far away for a lethal shot. If you are unsure ... DON'T SHOOT!**

which the pellet count in a 30-inch circle drops below 50-55 (large geese) and 60-65 (small-medium geese) determines the maximum effective range of your shotgun with that particular load. Be a responsible hunter and practice these suggestions to reduce crippling losses and to improve the non-hunting public's perception and acceptance of waterfowl hunting. The shotgun barrel pictured above depicts the approximate area covered by a 12 gauge 28"-30" single barrel or over/under barrel

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Harlequin



Mallard



# TOM ROSTER'S 2016 NONTOXIC SHOT LETHALITY TABLE<sup>©</sup>

Proven Nontoxic Loads For Waterfowl, Doves, & Upland Game Birds <sup>1</sup> <i>Vel. Range Tested: 1,225 - 1,700 FPS</i>	ACTIVITY	Observed Hunters' Typical Shooting Range (Yards)	Most Effective Nontoxic Shot Size(s) For Birds Listed Under ACTIVITY At The Distances Listed In The Second Column	Minimum Load Weight (Ounces)	Minimum Pellet Hits Needed on Lethal Areas for Clean Kills	Minimum Pattern Count Needed at Any Distance for Clean Kills (# of Pellets in 30" Circle)	Most Effective Choke(s) at Distance (Given in Lead Shot Choke Designations)	NOTE: The pellets in the steel shot loads listed in this table were traditional, highly spherical ball-shaped pellets of ~ 7.86 g/cc density and 90-95 DPH hardness. The HEVI-Shot pellets were of 12.0 g/cc density and are harder than traditional steel pellets.
Large Geese At Long Range Giant, Western, Atlantic and Interior Canadas	Steel BBB to T	50-65	1-1/4	1-2	50-55	Improved Modified		
	HEVI-Shot 2 to B	50-70	1-1/2	1-2	50-55	Improved Modified, Full		
Large Geese Over Decoys	Steel BB to BBB	35-50	1-1/4	1-2	50-55	Improved Cylinder, Modified		
	HEVI-Shot 2 to B	35-50	1-1/2	1-2	50-55	Improved Cylinder, Modified		
Medium/Small Geese Long Range Snow, White-fronted, Lesser Canadas	Steel BB to BBB	50-65	1-1/4	1-2	60-65	Improved Modified		
	HEVI-Shot 2	50-65	1-1/2	1-2	60-65	Improved Modified, Full		
Medium/Small Geese Over Decoys	Steel 2 to BB	35-50	1-1/8	1-2	60-65	Light Modified, Modified		
	HEVI-Shot 4 to 2	35-50	1-1/4	1-2	60-65	Improved Cylinder, Modified		
Large Ducks At Long Range Mallard, Black, Pintail, Goldeneye, Gadwall	Steel 2 to 1	45-65	1-1/8	1-2	85-90	Improved Modified, Full		
	HEVI-Shot 4	45-65	1-1/4	1-2	85-90	Improved Modified, Full		
Large Ducks Over Decoys	Steel 6 to 2	20-45	3/4 - 1	1-2	85-90	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)		
	HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	20-45	1-1/8	1-2	85-90	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)		
Medium Ducks Over Decoys Wigeon, Scaup, Shoveler	Steel 6 to 3	20-45	1	1-2	115-120	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)		
	HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	20-45	1-1/8	1-2	115-120	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)		
Small Ducks Over Decoys Teal, Ruddy, Bufflehead	Steel 6 to 4	20-45	1	1-2	135-145	Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds)		
	HEVI-Shot 6	20-45	1-1/8	1-2	135-145	Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds)		
Ring-Necked Pheasants	Steel 3 to 2	20-50	1	2-3	90-95	I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds)		
	HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	20-50	1-1/8	2-3	90-95	I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds)		
Turkeys (Head and Neck Shots) Mourning Doves	Steel 4; HEVI-Shot 6	20-40	1-1/4	3-4	210-230	Full or Extra Full		
	Steel 8 to 7	20-45	3/4 - 3/4	1-2	200-210	I.C. (20-30 Yds); Light Mod (30-45 Yd)		
Northern Bobwhite Quail	HEVI-Shot 7 1/2	20-45	3/4	1-2	200-210	I.C. (20-30 Yds); Light Mod (30-45 Yd)		
	Steel 8 to 7	20-30	3/4 - 3/4	1-2	200-210	Imp. Cyl., Light Modified		
Swatter Load For Wounded Birds	Steel 7 to 6	20-30	1	1	175	Improved Modified, Full		

This table summarizes Tom Roster's analyses to date of the lethality data bases for certain of the 16 U.S. steel vs lead waterfowl & dove shooting tests published between 1968 & 2014 & one steel-only pheasant shooting test (1999) plus lethality data bases owned by ammunition companies for birds taken with nontoxic shotshell loads Roster tested for them & the CONSEP Org. Note: Steel #BBB (.190"), & HEVI-Shot #2 (.150") have exhibited the best all-around performance for taking geese; steel #3 (.140") & HEVI-Shot #4 (.130") the best all-around performance for taking ducks; steel #2 & HEVI-Shot #4 (.130") the best all-around performance for taking ring-necked pheasants; & steel 7's (.100") the best all-around performance for taking doves.

<sup>1</sup> These findings are derived from testing 2 1/4" 28 gauge; 3" 20 ga.; 2 3/4", 3" & 3 1/2" 12 ga.; & 3 1/2" 10 ga. steel loads; plus 2 1/2" 28 ga.; 2 3/4" & 3" 20 ga.; and 2 1/4" & 3" 12 ga. HEVI-Shot loads.

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# IDENTIFY YOUR BIRDS



Sandhill crane



Trumpeter swan



Snow goose (light goose)



Blue-winged teal

Length - 16 inches | Weight - 15 ounces



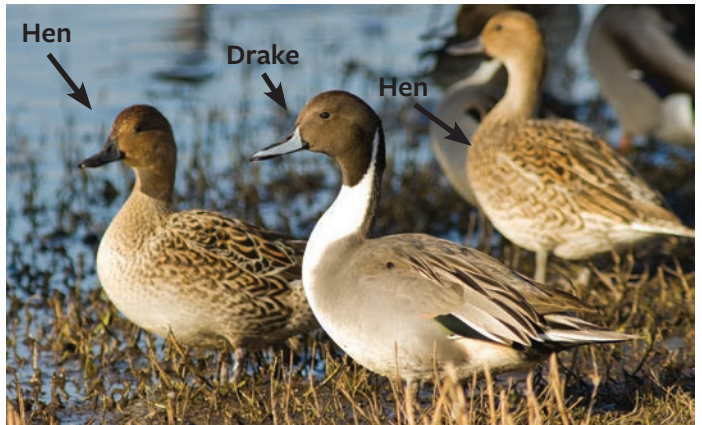
Mallard

Length - 24 inches | Weight - 2.75 pounds



Green-winged teal

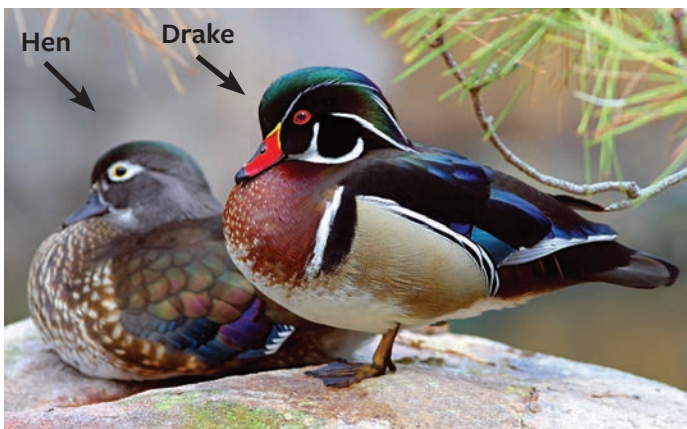
Length - 15 inches | Weight - 14 ounces



Pintail

Length - 26 inches | Weight - 1.75 pounds





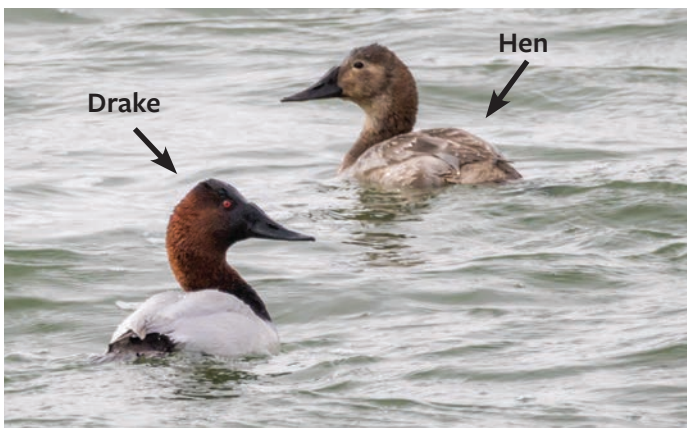
**Wood duck**

Length - 18.5 inches | Weight - 1.5 pounds



**Lesser scaup**

Length - 17 inches | Weight - 1.875 pounds



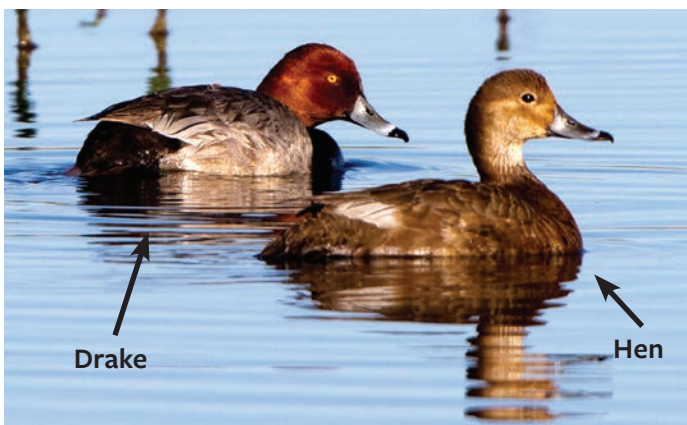
**Canvasback**

Length - 22 inches | Weight - 3 pounds



**Hooded merganser**

Length - 18 inches | Weight - 1.5 pounds



**Redhead**

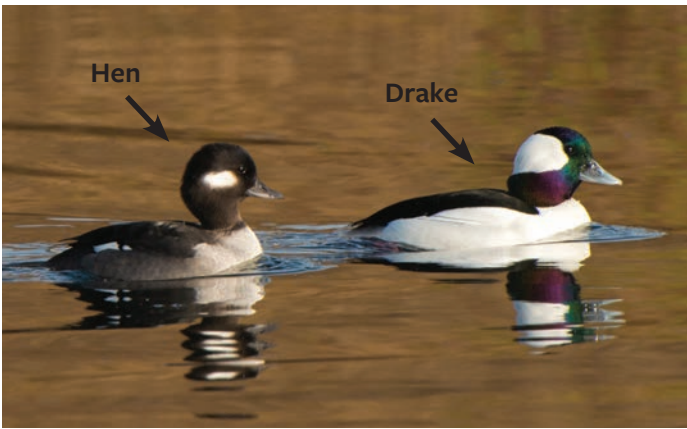
Length - 20 inches | Weight - 2.5 pounds



**Common merganser**

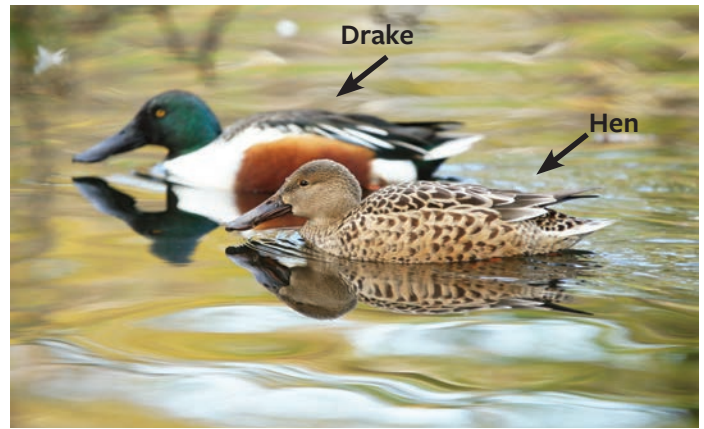
Length - 22 inches | Weight - 3.2 pounds





**Bufflehead**

Length - 15 inches | Weight - 1 pound



**Northern shoveler**

Length - 19 inches | Weight - 1.5 pounds



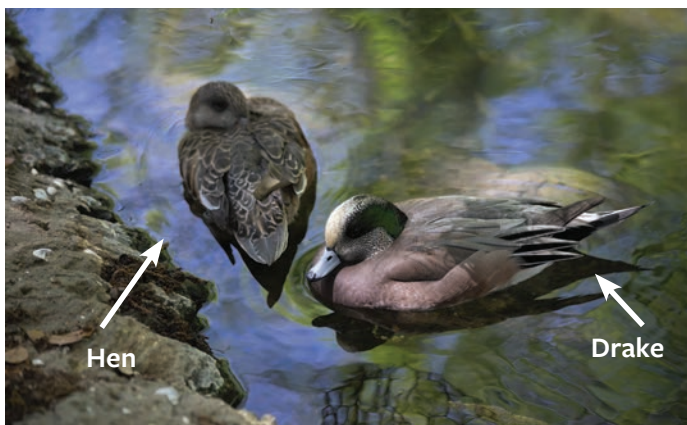
**Barrow's goldeneye**

Length - 18 inches | Weight - 2 pounds



**Gadwall**

Length - 20 inches | Weight - 2 pounds



**American wigeon**

Length - 20 inches | Weight - 1.8 pounds



**Coot**

Length - 15 inches | Weight - 1 pound



## WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO HUNT WILD TURKEY IN WYOMING?

Resident requirement	All ages
Resident wild turkey license	YES
Hunter Safety Certificate (See page 6)	YES
Wyoming Conservation Stamp (See page 5)	YES

Nonresident requirement	All ages
Nonresident wild turkey license	YES
Hunter Safety Certificate (See page 6)	YES
Wyoming Conservation Stamp (See page 5)	YES

### Section 1. Authority.

This regulation is promulgated by authority of Wyoming Statute § 23-1-302.

### Section 2. Hunting Regulations.

(a) No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) license for a wild turkey during any one (1) season, except as otherwise provided in this regulation. The maximum bag limit for wild turkey for any person with the proper license shall not exceed one (1) wild turkey per license.

(b) Issuance of Licenses. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) fall wild turkey license and one (1) spring wild turkey license in any calendar year. After the initial drawing is completed, a person may apply for and receive up to three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for each season, provided that at least two (2) of those licenses are Limited Quota Type 3 licenses. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for the fall season and no more than a total of three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for the spring season, except as authorized in Commission regulations.

(c) No person shall possess or use shot other than nontoxic shot for hunting wild turkeys with a shotgun on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting.

(d) Evidence of Sex. During the spring season in those hunt areas limited to the taking of male wild turkeys or any wild turkey with a visible beard, a visible beard shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while the wild turkey is being transported.

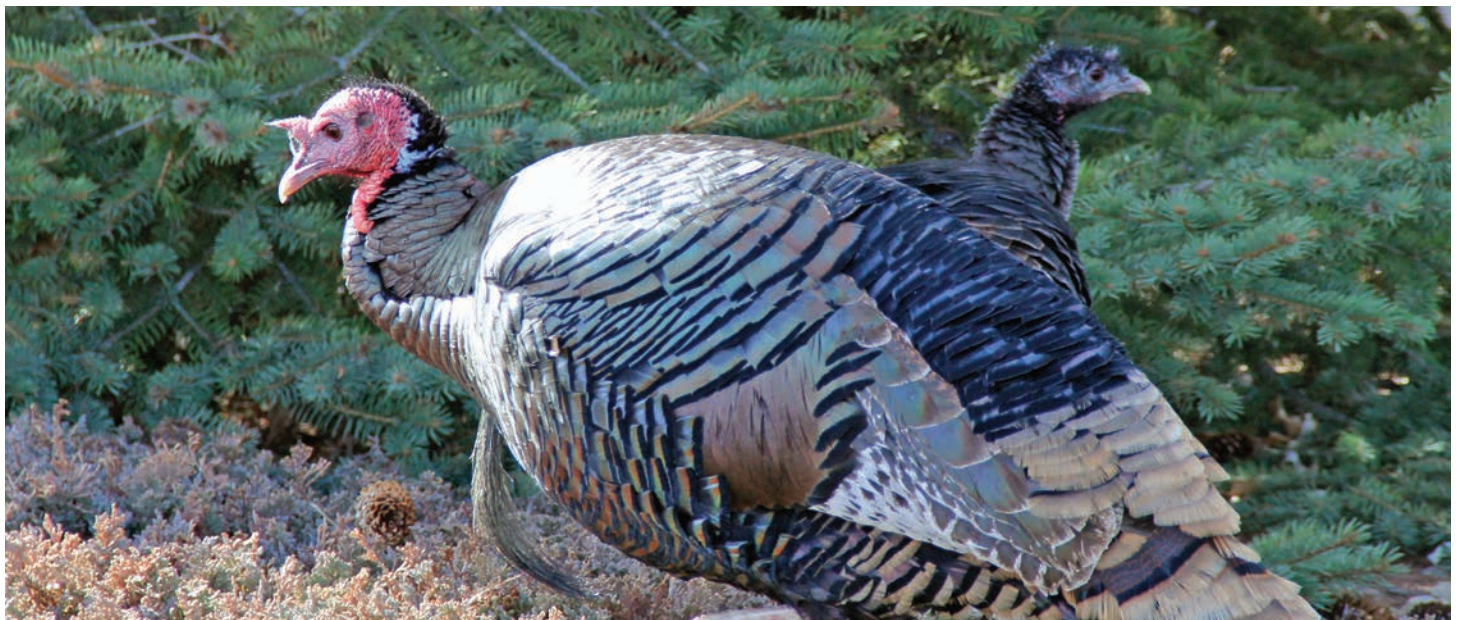
(e) 2022 Fall Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	License Type	Regular Season Dates		Quota	Limitations
		Opens	Closes		
1	Gen	Sep. 1	Sep. 30		Any wild turkey, archery only
1	Gen	Nov. 1	Nov. 30		Any wild turkey
2*	Gen	Sep. 1	Sep. 30		Any wild turkey, archery only
2*	Gen	Oct. 1	Dec. 31		Any wild turkey
2*	3	Sep. 1	Sep. 30	400	Any wild turkey valid within Converse and Natrona counties, archery only
2*	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31		Any wild turkey valid within Converse and Natrona counties
3*	Gen	Sep. 1	Dec. 31		Any wild turkey
3*	3	Sep. 1	Dec. 31	250	Any wild turkey
4*	Gen	Sep. 1	Sep. 30		Any wild turkey, archery only
4*	Gen	Oct. 1	Dec. 31		Any wild turkey
5*	Gen	Sep. 1	Sep. 30		Any wild turkey, archery only
5*	Gen	Oct. 1	Dec. 31		Any wild turkey

\*Indicates hunt areas with difficult public access. (Please see "wild turkey hunt areas with difficult public access" on page 9)

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*Mentor a kid in the field*



Tom and hen wild turkey



(f) 2023 Spring Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	License Type	Regular Season Dates		Quota	Limitations
		Opens	Closes		
1	Gen	Apr. 20	May 31		Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
2	Gen	Apr. 20	May 31		Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
2	3	Apr. 1	May 31	200	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard valid in Natrona County
2	3	Apr. 20	May 31		Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard valid in Converse and Natrona counties
3	Gen	Apr. 1	May 31		Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
3	3	Apr. 1	May 31	400	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
4	Gen	Apr. 20	May 31		Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard, except the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission's Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area shall be closed
4	1	Apr. 20	May 31	50	Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
5	Gen	Apr. 20	May 31		Any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard

**Section 3. Archery Regulations.**

Wild turkey may be taken with archery equipment during any open season in accordance with Section 2 of this Chapter.

**Section 4. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

Area and Number.

**Area 1.** Black Hills. All of Crook County and that portion of Weston County north of U.S. Highway 16 or east of U.S. Highway 85.

**Area 2.** Central. That portion of Weston County south of U.S. Highway 16 and west of U.S. Highway 85; and all of Converse, Natrona and Niobrara counties.

**Area 3.** Powder River. All of Campbell, Johnson and Sheridan counties.

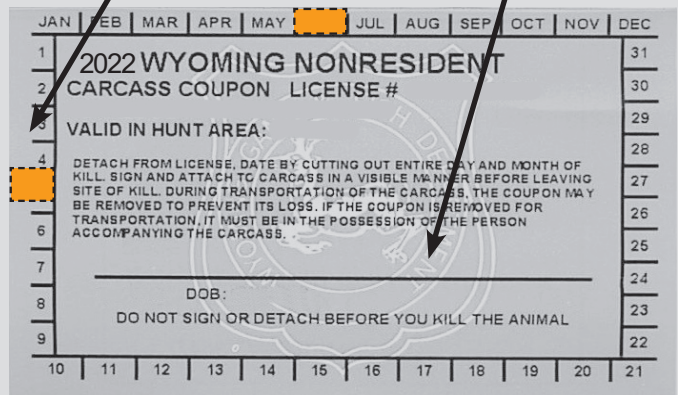
**Area 4.** Bighorn Basin. All of Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties.

**Area 5.** South Central. All of Albany, Carbon, Fremont, Goshen, Laramie and Platte counties.

# HOW TO FILL OUT CARCASS COUPON

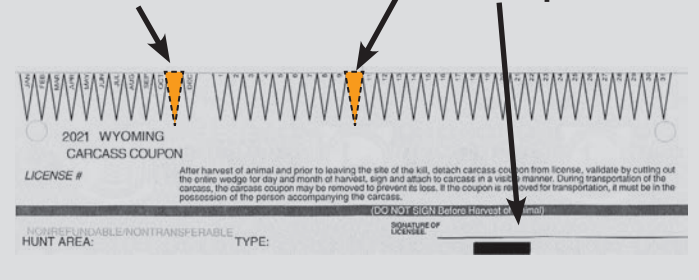
**IMMEDIATELY AFTER** Harvesting a Wild Turkey or Sandhill Crane and **BEFORE LEAVING** the Site of the Kill do **ALL** of the following:

- STEP 1**  
Detach carcass coupon from license
- STEP 2**  
Cut out the entire month of the kill
- STEP 3**  
Cut out the entire day of the kill
- STEP 4**  
Sign carcass coupon



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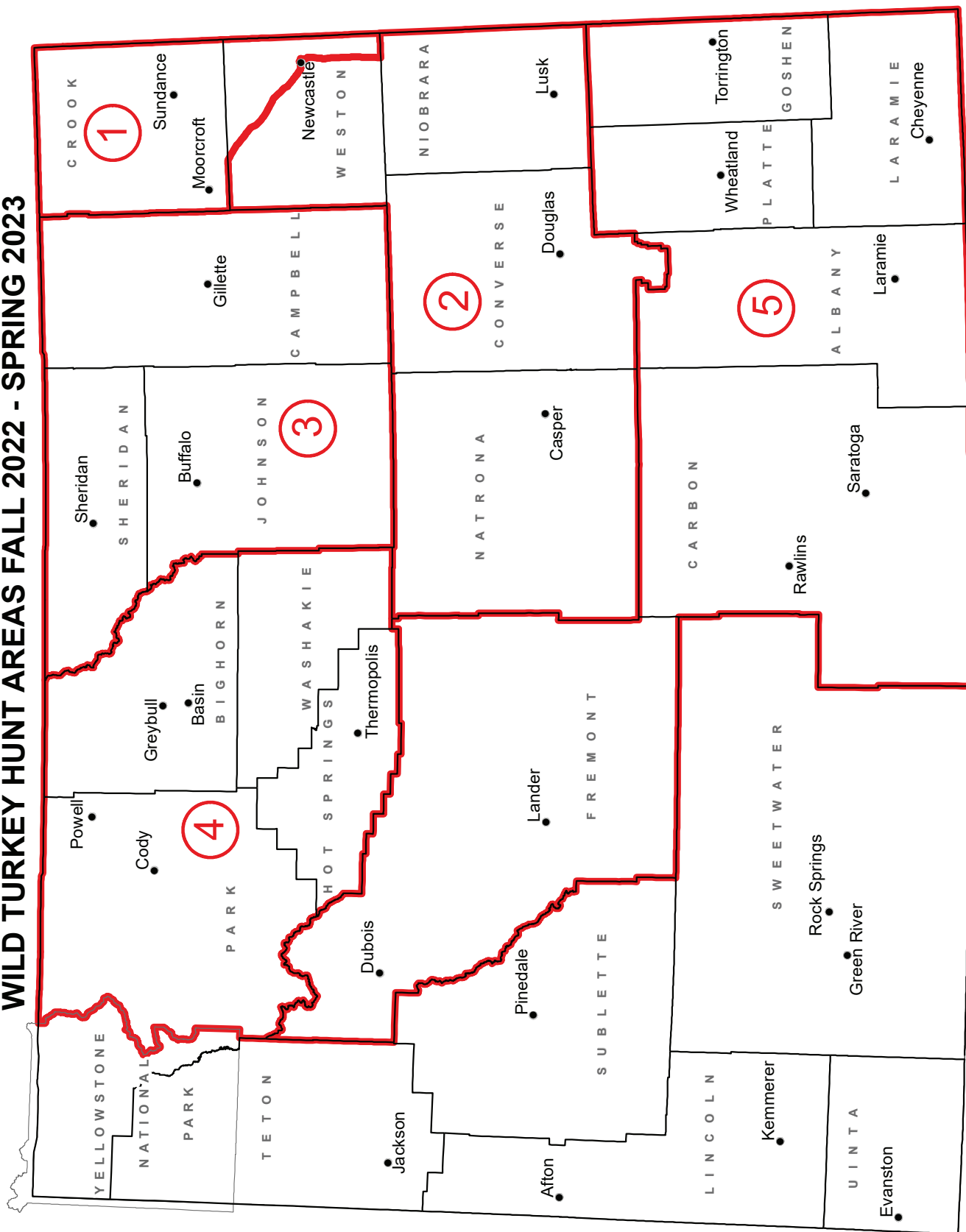
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WILD TURKEY

## Take a kid outdoors and watch them grow

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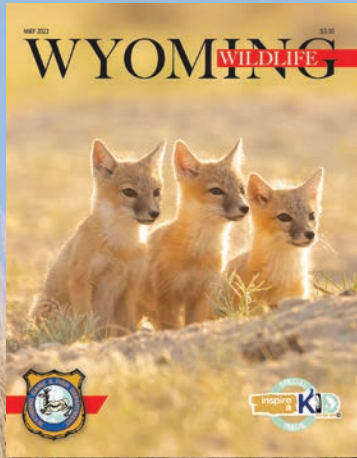


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# BE BEAR AWARE



## Game retrieval and handling

- **Immediately remove** carcasses from the field. The longer game is in the field, at camp, or in a vehicle, the more likely it is to be discovered.
- Separate the carcass from the gut pile with **as much distance as possible** if you must leave meat in the field for any time.
- Ideally leave the gut pile in the field **far away** from camps, roads or trails.
- If an animal is harvested by a camp, road or trail, move the gut pile or parts **½ mile away** or to a landfill.
- **Quarter and hang** the carcass in a tree or game pole **10 to 15 feet** from the ground and **4 feet** from the tree trunk or supporting branches.
- If you must leave the carcass on the ground, **place it in plain view** so you can see if a bear is present or if it has been disturbed when you return. Place large items such as branches or a jacket on the carcass so you can tell from a safe distance if a bear has disturbed your carcass.
- When returning to a carcass, **stop and view** the area from a distance with binoculars. Approach the carcass from **upwind and make sufficient noise** to alert any bears of your presence. Just because you don't see a bear doesn't mean there isn't one in the area.
- When retrieving meat, go with your hunting partners and if possible, **approach on horseback**.
- If you detect disturbance from a distance or if the **carcass has been buried**, a bear has probably been to the carcass or may be bedded nearby.
- **Never attempt to scare** a bear off of a carcass it has claimed.
- **Have a plan** on how to recover an animal before you harvest one and use extra caution if harvesting an animal late in the day.

## What to do if you see an aggressive /defensive bear at close range

- Try to remain calm, slowly back out of the area, and have a defense ready.
- **Never run away** from the bear.

- Do not challenge the bear with aggressive body language, **direct eye contact** or shouting.
- If the bear begins to approach, stand your ground and **use bear spray** if available.
- If a bear makes contact or is about to make contact, drop and cover by lying flat on your stomach inter-lacing your fingers and placing them on the back of your neck. Do not fight back.
- Once the bear feels the **threat is neutralized** it will usually stop attacking.
- Make certain the **bear has left** the area before you retreat or move.

## How and when to use bear spray

- **Bear spray is an effective deterrent** that is designed to deter aggressive bear behavior.
- Studies have shown that bear spray is **more effective than firearms** at reducing your chances of injury.
- Make sure that you are carrying an **EPA registered** bear spray and not another form of self protection pepper spray.
- Bear spray is to be used on a **charging bear** or in an aggressive encounter.
- It sprays **25-30 feet** as it creates a **4-foot cloud**.
- Each member of a party should carry spray.
- Bear spray must be **carried where it is readily accessible**.

## If a bear comes into your camp

- Remain calm and **do not panic**. Bears generally avoid people and they are probably attracted to odors of food.
- **Ready your bear spray** or firearm for use.
- **Do not** approach the bear.
- Try to **scare the bear** away by yelling, shouting, or making other loud noises.
- If the bear **does not** get a food reward they will usually leave.
- If a bear tries getting into your tent **fight back** and use your personal defense.

For more information about staying safe in bear country, visit the WGFD Bear Wise page.

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